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Character Introductions

A Korean and white mix
Hobbies: Collecting army uniforms
Specialty: Lying, shooting
Wants to be: Gangster
Life motto: "Life is meaningless, cruel and foolish yet glamorous."

Kai Lee (Kangil Lee) 17 years old
177 cm / 67 kg / Blood type AB

A Korean immigrant
Hobbies: Swimming, dancing
Specialty: Tae Kwon Do
Wants to be: Traveler
Life motto: "It could be enjoyable to live in a place where you don't know anyone."

Sunil Sohn 17 years old
172 cm / 52 kg / Blood type O

Second-generation Korean American
Hobbies: Making dolls
Specialty: Screaming
Wants to be: Too young to decide that yet, don't you think?
Life motto: "I'm too young to think about that stuff."

Gelda (Heesun Lee) 14 years old
158 cm / 48kg / Blood type A

Korean Adoptee
Hobbies: Read anything you can read
Specialty: Doing makeup
Wants to be: Punk rock musician
Life motto: "Anything you learn from pain is touching."

J.J. (Judas Jesus) 14 years old
163 cm / 51 kg / Blood type AB

A Korean and black mix
Hobbies: Working out
Specialty: Rap
Wants to be: A dad
Life motto: "Don't ever let them see you sweat."

Spike Washington. 17 years old
186cm/71 kg/ Blood type A

Exchange student from Korea
Hobbies: Hanging around
Specialty: Laughing at people
Wants to be: ...
Life motto: "I don't have a motto."

Sangyul Choi 17 years old
165 cm / 58 kg / Blood type B

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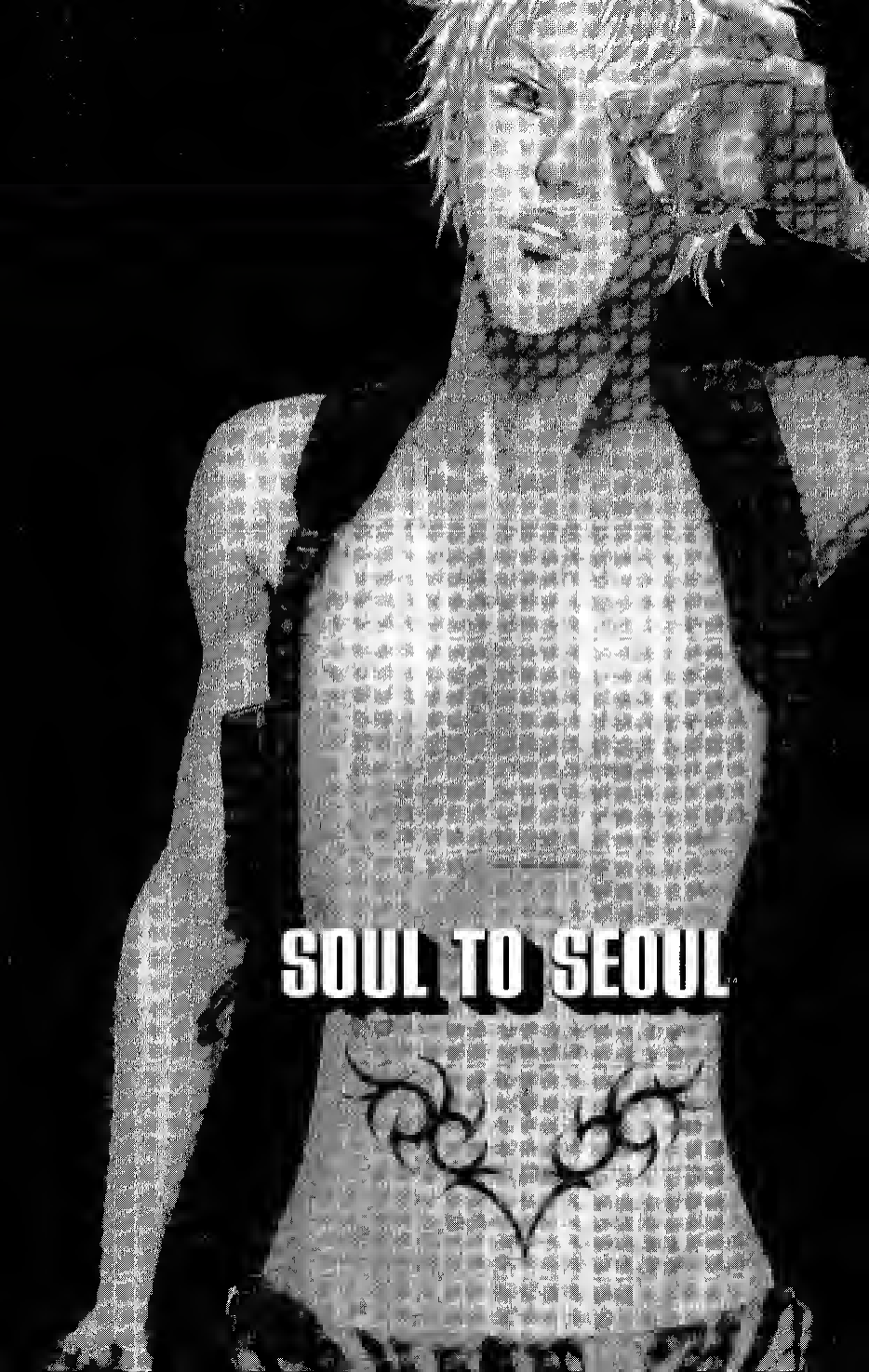
Story So Far

Kai and Spike are best friends living in New York who have a lot in common--they are both half-Korean teens trying to discover their place in the world. However, the bonds of their friendship are broken when they both fall for Sunil, a Korean foreign exchange student. This creates a rift between the two friends, ultimately landing Spike in jail and causing Kai to go on the run after killing someone to earn Spike's bail money.

Later, when Spike reenters Kai's life, attending Kai's school as a famous model's bodyguard. If that wasn't enough, Sunil demands to know about the secret life Kai hides from her...so he reluctantly takes her to hang with his gangster friends. Unfortunately, a fight breaks out between a rival gang, and Kai gets shot while trying to shield Sunil. Meanwhile, J.J. is adopted and moves out of Kai's family's house, and Kai is half-sister Gelda (who has a secret crush on J.J.) is devastated.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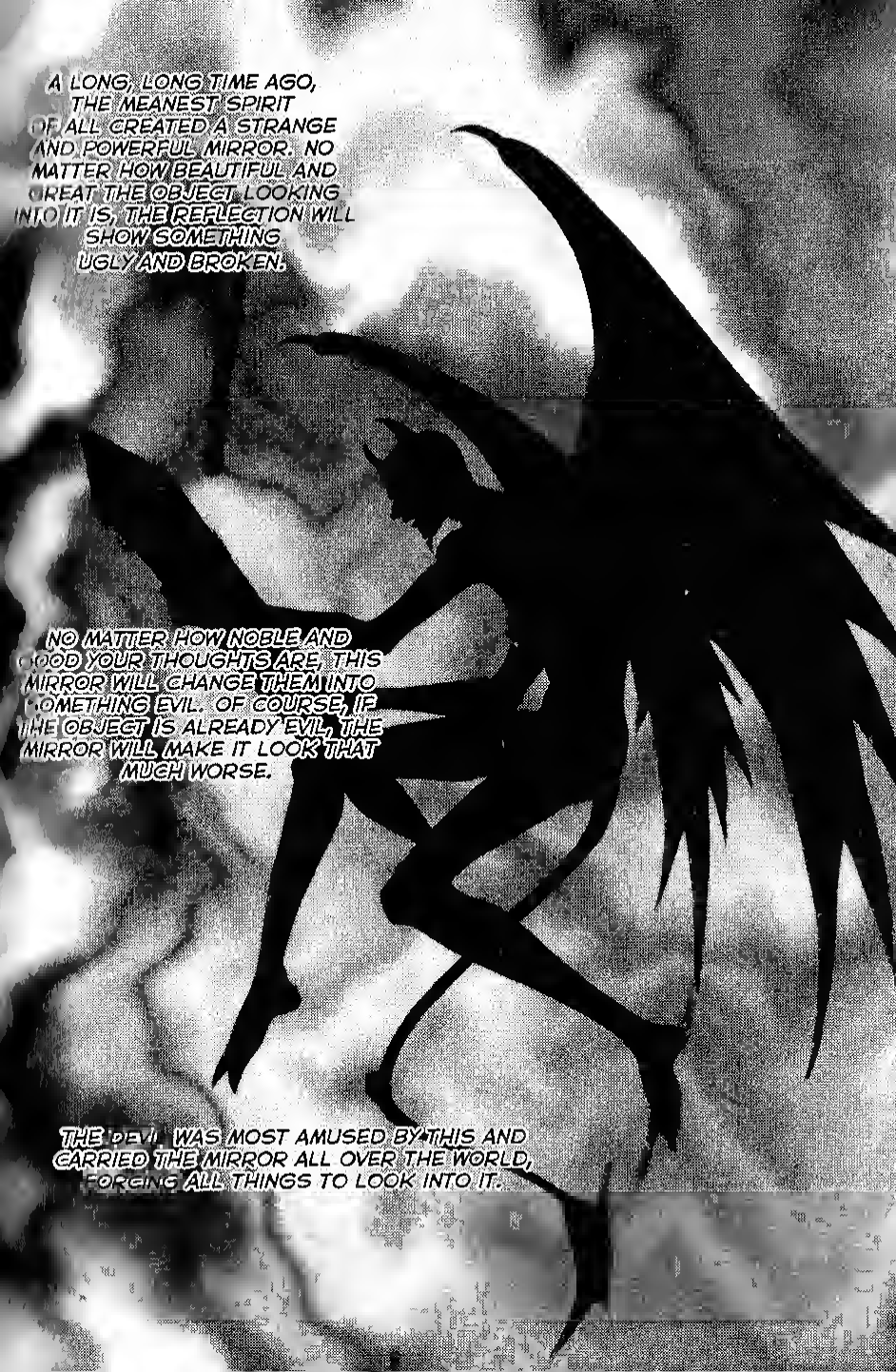
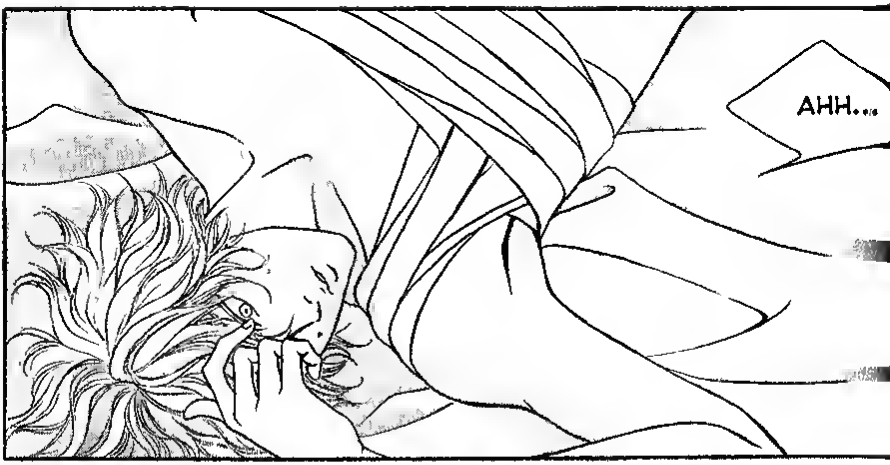

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THE MEANEST SPIRIT OF ALL CREATED A STRANGE AND POWERFUL MIRROR. NO MATTER HOW BEAUTIFUL AND GREAT THE OBJECT LOOKING INTO IT IS, THE REFLECTION WILL SHOW SOMETHING UGLY AND BROKEN.
NO MATTER HOW NOBLE AND GOOD YOUR THOUGHTS ARE, THIS MIRROR WILL CHANGE THEM INTO SOMETHING EVIL. OF COURSE, IF THE OBJECT IS ALREADY EVIL, THE MIRROR WILL MAKE IT LOOK THAT MUCH WORSE.
THE DEVIL WAS MOST AMUSED BY THIS AND CARRIED THE MIRROR ALL OVER THE WORLD, FORCING ALL THINGS TO LOOK INTO IT.

AND SO THE WORLD MORPHED INTO UGLINESS. BUT THE DEVIL GOT EVEN MORE DARING AND DECIDED TO SHOW THE MIRROR TO THE ANGELS. HE FLEW STRAIGHT TOWARD THE HEAVENS.
BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE JOURNEY, THE DEVIL CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIS REFLECTION. HIS HORRIFYING LOOKS PLEASED HIM GREATLY AND MADE HIM LAUGH SO HARD THAT HE ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED THE MIRROR. IT FELL HARD AND FAST BACK TO EARTH.
AND WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND, THE MIRROR SHATTERED INTO MILLIONS OF PIECES, SPREADING THEMSELVES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

OUCH!!


AHH...

HUH...?

WHAT THE...?
I'M NOT... DEAD?

SHOT #11
Devil's
Mirror
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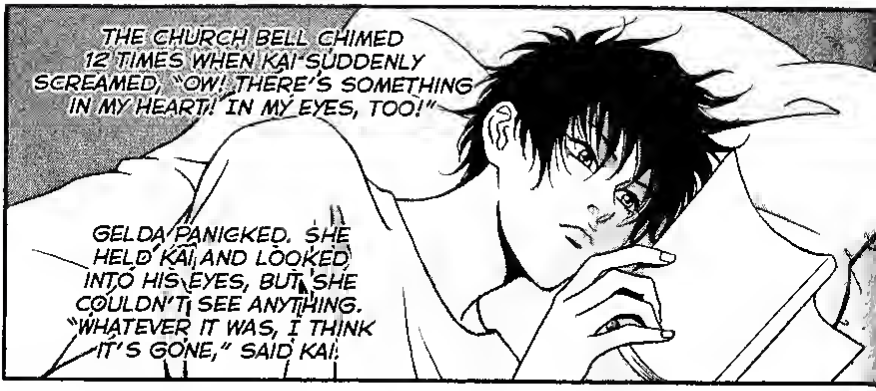
THE CHURCH BELL CHIMED 12 TIMES WHEN KAI SUDDENLY SCREAMED, "OW! THERE'S SOMETHING IN MY HEART! IN MY EYES, TOO!"
GELDA PANICKED. SHE HELD KAI AND LOOKED INTO HIS EYES, BUT SHE COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING. "WHATEVER IT WAS, I THINK IT'S GONE," SAID KAI.

BUT IT WASN'T GONE. IT WAS A SHATTERED PIECE OF THE DEVIL'S MIRROR... THE PAIN MAY HAVE SUBSIDED...BUT THAT PIECE OF MIRROR WAS STUCK IN HIS HEART, TURNING KAI'S HEART COLD.

"WHY ARE YOU CRYING? I HATE CRYING!"
"KAI? WHAT'S WRONG?"
"IN FACT, I DON'T LIKE ANYTHING HERE."

WITH EACH DAY, KAI BECAME MEANER AND COLDER...
...WITH EACH DAY, KAI BECAME MEANER AND COLDER...
...KAI BECAME...

WHERE AM I?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HAVING THE SAME DAMN DREAM AGAIN...

AND THIS...THIS DISGUSTING SMELL...

DAMN...I IMAGINE *HELL* WOULD SMELL BETTER THAN *THIS*.
S-SPIKE?!
SUNIL!!

I HEARD YOU GOT SHOT! WHAT HAPPENED?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
YEAH...I'M OKAY. I FEEL BETTER. THANKS.
IT'S REALLY GOOD TO SEE YOU, BUT...HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
KAI... I WENT TO SEE KAI...AND THEY TOLD ME THAT... WELL...HOW IS HE DOING? HAVE YOU TALKED TO HIM? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING?
KAI... ARE YOU GUYS THAT CLOSE?
WELL, YEAH WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS. YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
OH... HUH.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHERE KAI IS. MAYBE THE SNOW QUEEN TOOK HIM AWAY.

SNOW...QUEEN?

IS THAT YOU?

SO YOU'RE FINALLY UP, HUH?
YEAH... UNFORTUNATELY FOR ME, I JUST DON'T DIE THAT EASILY.
YOU LOOK LIKE CRAP.
SURE FEEL LIKE IT. LIKE I'M ROTTING AWAY... CAN YOU CUT MY HAIR? IT'S A MESS.

OH, WAIT...I REMEMBER THAT BOOK SNOW QUEEN. KAI WAS ALWAYS SCARED OF IT.
HE USED TO BEG HIS MOM TO READ IT TO HIM EVERY NIGHT, BECAUSE HE AND THE BOY IN THE STORY HAD THE SAME NAME.
BUT THEN...HE STARTED HAVING THESE NIGHTMARES ABOUT SHATTERED PIECES OF A MIRROR GETTING INTO HIS HEART AND EYES.
SO HE STOPPED WANTING TO HEAR THE STORY.
REALLY? THAT'S KIND OF CUTE!
I MISS KAI... I MISS OUR FRIENDSHIP.

I SHOULD HAVE MADE SURE I KILLED HIM.
HE DOESN'T DIE EASILY. HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY PLOTTING HIS REVENGE AGAINST ME.
THE RATTLE-SNAKE...
ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT THE TATTOOED GUY YOU STABBED?
YEAH. BUT DON'T WORRY. NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS HIDEOUT. THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO LAY LOW.
RATTLESNAKE'S A REAL BASTARD. HE'S GONNA BE SO PISSED...! HE RAISED ME SINCE I WAS THIRTEEN, YOU KNOW. EVEN TAUGHT ME HOW TO *KILL*.

THEN WHY...?
WHY DID I BETRAY HIM?
FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, I WAS LIKE HIS LITTLE, OBEDIENT HUNTING DOG. I WOULD CHASE AFTER WHATEVER HE TOLD ME TO.
I WAS ALREADY GETTING SICK OF IT...WHEN I HAPPENED TO SEE A WOLF.
AN UNTAMED, WILD BEAST WITH PIERCING EYES...

I KNEW I COULD NEVER BECOME A WOLF MYSELF...BUT I COULD BECOME WILD AND FINALLY FOLLOW MY CALLING...MY *TRUE* NATURE!
SO THE DOG BIT ITS MASTER.
AM I THAT WOLF?
YES, YOU ARE. SO NOW YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF ME.
SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU LIKE IT?
OK

BUZZ
BUZZ
HELLO... YES, I'M SORRY. NO, THAT'S FINE. I'M DONE.
OKAY. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
I GOTTA GO.

THAT WAS HILLARY, WASN'T IT?
YEAH.
YOU TWO REALLY DO LOOK GOOD TOGETHER.
.....
I'LL SEE YOU...

WHAT? YOU DON'T *LIKE IT?* IT LOOKS *GREAT...* IN ITS OWN *WEIRD WAY...*
YEAH? THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE AND LET ME GIVE *YOU* A HAIRCUT?!
AAGGHH! NO! I DON'T NEED ONE!
GET OVER HERE! I'LL SHOW YOU WEIRD, DAMMIT!

: SEOUL : KOREA : NEW YORK CITY : MANHATTAN : HARLEM : LOWER EAST SIDE : BROOKLYN : WILLIAMSBURG : THE BRONX : QUEENS : EAST COAST

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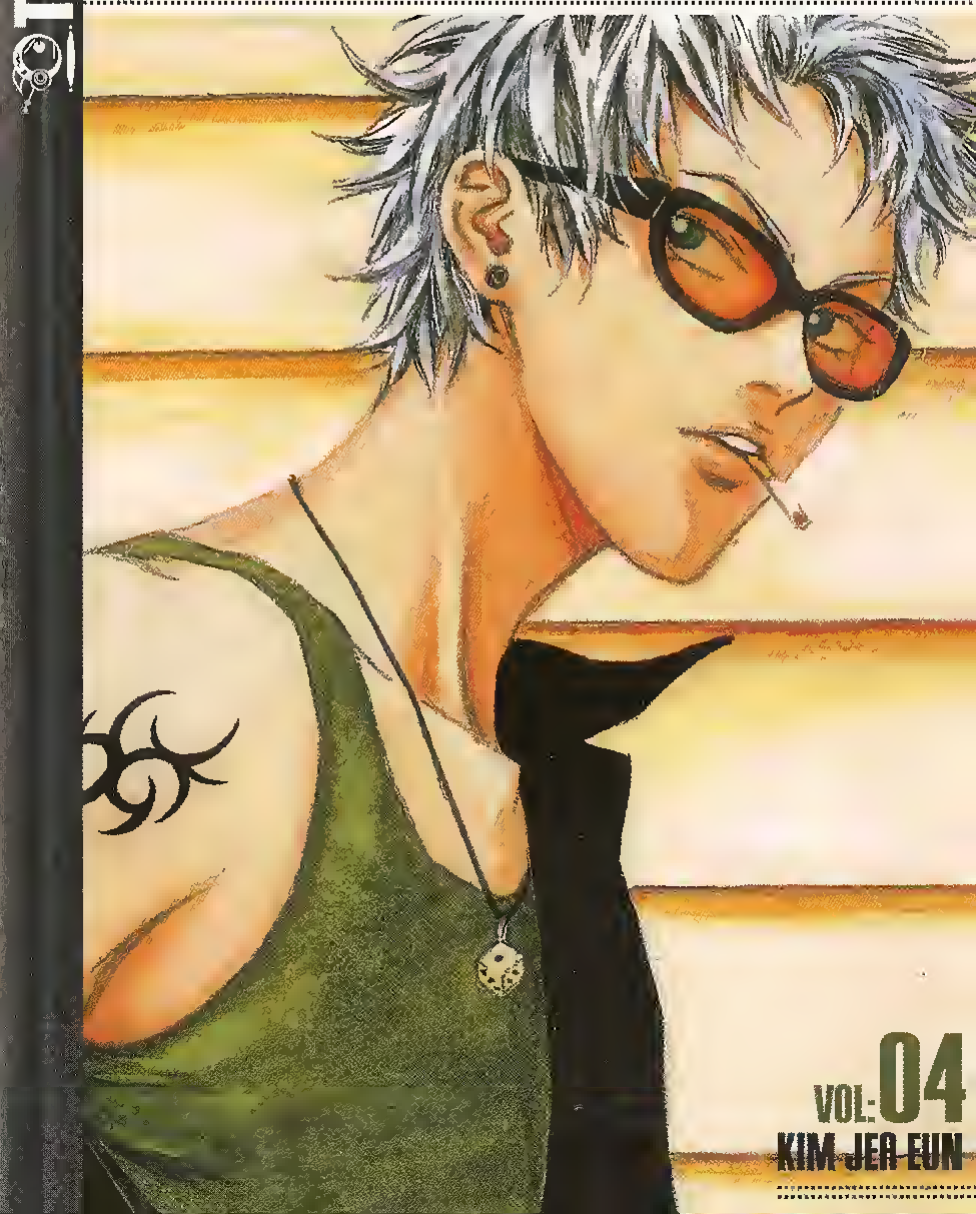

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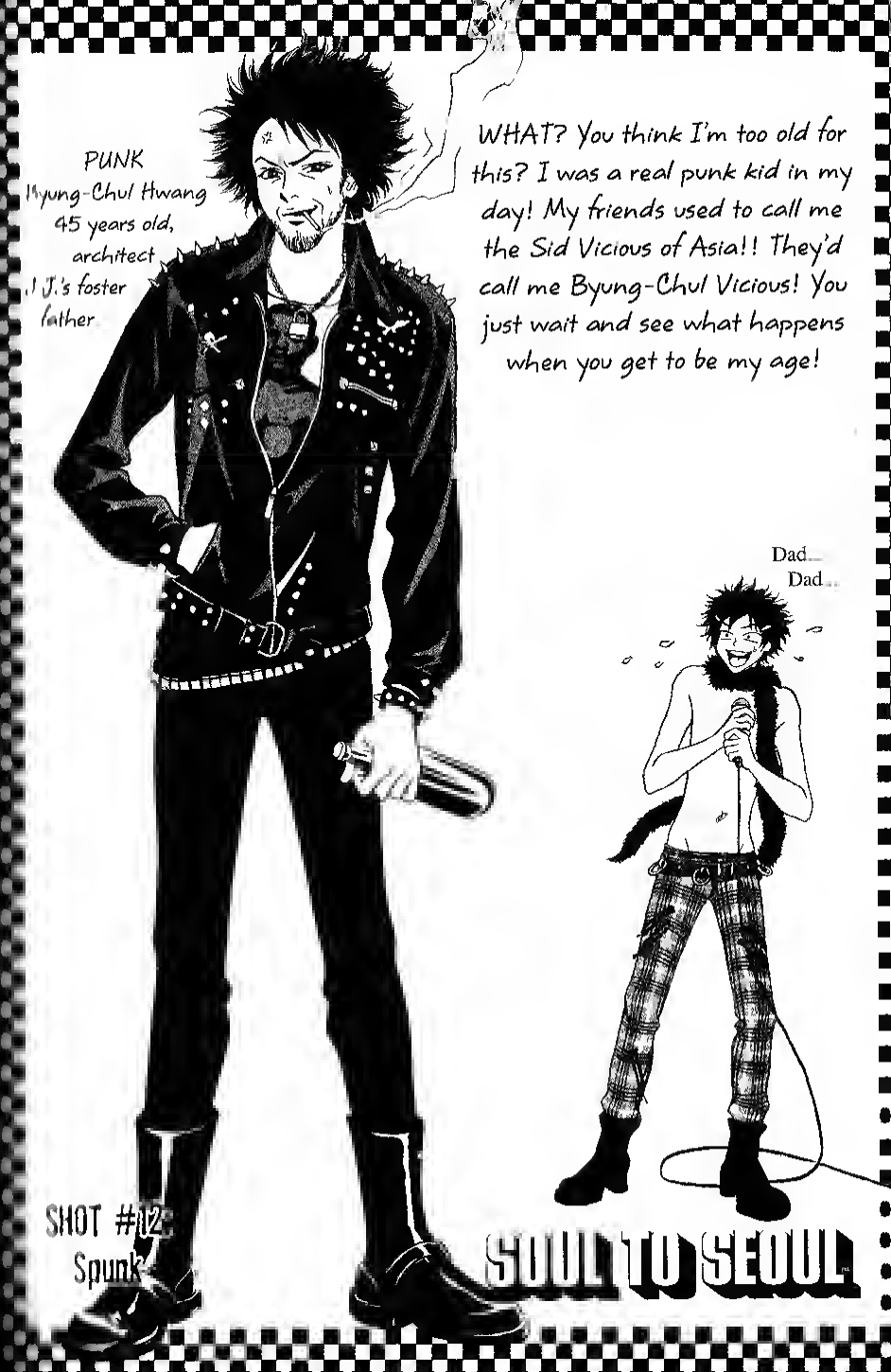
PUNK
Myung-Chul Hwang
45 years old,
architect
J.'s foster
father
WHAT? You think I'm too old for this? I was a real punk kid in my day! My friends used to call me the Sid Vicious of Asia!! They'd call me Byung-Chul Vicious! You just wait and see what happens when you get to be my age!
Dad...
Dad...
SHOT #12
Spunk
SOUL TO SEOUL

OVER HERE!
Sally
GIRL...DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF ME? ISN'T BEING TOGETHER AT SCHOOL ENOUGH? DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO CALL ME ON THE WEEKENDS?
GOSH, GELDA... DON'T BE SUCH A SOURPUSS.

HAVE YOU GONE COMPLETELY MAD? WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU?! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DECENT CLOTHING?! NYLON STOCKINGS ARE FOR LEGS, RIGHT? SO WHY ARE YOU WEARING THEM ON YOUR ARMS?!
HEY--!! YOU REALLY ARE SOUNDING LIKE A PRUDE! WHAT'S WRONG? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. MY FREAKING BROTHER IS MISSING AGAIN. WE CAN'T EVEN REACH HIM BY PHONE. IT'S BEEN FIVE DAYS AND WE HAVE NO IDEA IF HE'S ALIVE OR NOT...
I'M SORRY... DID YOU CALL THE POLICE?
MY MOM IS LOOKING FOR HIM. WHENEVER THERE'S A PROBLEM, SHE ALWAYS TRIES TO SOLVE IT ON HER OWN, WITHOUT TELLING MY DAD.
파닥
HE'S AWAY ON A BUSINESS TRIP NOW ANYWAY, SO...

THIS'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER...
WHAT IS THAT?
NOBO-D
N- NOBO-D?! IS THIS...
YEP! IT'S J.J.'S BAND'S FIRST SINGLE!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD IT WAS TO GET.
SOME TINY INDEPENDENT RECORD COMPANY PUTS IT OUT. THEY ONLY MADE A FEW... BUT NOW EVERYONE WANTS IT. IT WAS SOLD OUT LIKE, EVERYWHERE!
I LITERALLY WENT INTO EVERY MUSIC STORE IN MANHATTAN.
I FINALLY GOT THIS ONE THROUGH THE FAN CLUB.
FAN CLUB?
YEAH. I ACTUALLY JOINED IT! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!
WHAT... ARE YOU SERIOUS?

LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF I'VE COLLECTED SO FAR. I'VE GOT ARTICLES ABOUT THE BAND, MAGAZINES THEY WERE FEATURED IN, CONCERT PHOTOS...
I EVEN HAVE THEIR AUTOGRAPHS.
YOU CALLED ME UP JUST TO SHOW ME THIS?!
I don't believe it.
YOU'VE BEEN SO DEPRESSED THE LAST FEW DAYS...I WAS JUST TRYING TO CHEER YOU UP. C'MON! LET'S GO SEE J.J. PLAY! THEY'VE GOT A SHOW TONIGHT.
IF YOU'RE THERE, I JUST KNOW J.J. WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU. YOU GUYS WERE LIKE A FAMILY.
I am totally jealous. I wish I lived in the same house as J.J.
A SHOW...?

WOULD YOU WATCH MY STUFF? I'M GONNA GET A SLICE OF PIZZA. YOU WANT SOMETHING?
YEAH, I GUESS... A PLAIN CALZONE.
ALL RIGHT. AND SINCE I CALLED YOU UP, I'M BUYING.
WHAT-EVER...
I'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO FORGET J.J. ... THE LAST THING I WANTED WAS TO BE REMINDED OF HIM, YOU STUPID GIRL!

YOU STUPID GIRL...
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"With 14-year-old J.J. as their main vocalist, NOBO-D is definitely in force to be reckoned with among Manhattan's other bands...
His powerful vocals make it hard to believe that he's only fourteen. And don't be fooled by his pretty boy looks. J.J.'s voice is amazingly charismatic and is bound to mesmerize any audience.
We currently live with his Korean foster father on Long Island, where he states that his life is 'better than ever.'
You can spot his dad, Mr. Hwang, every weekend at Club Nookie, showing his love and support. You'd never guess he was an architect by day since he's always clad in the latest punk fashion. He's a real trip!"

WHAT? MR. HWANG--AS IN MY DAD'S FRIEND?
And in punk outfits?!
Please, he really needs to act his age!!
OH YEAH, HIS FOSTER DAD. I'VE SEEN HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES. HE'S FUNNY. THERE'S A PICTURE OF THEM TOGETHER ON THE NEXT PAGE.
CHECK IT OUT!
DOESN'T HE LOOK HAPPY? THAT'S MY FAVORITE PICTURE OF HIM! J.J. ALWAYS LOOKS SO PRETTY WHEN HE SMILES!

HE'S SMILING...
J.J.'S SMILING.
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN HIM SMILE.
ARE YOU REALLY THAT HAPPY...?

YOU JUST KEEP BREAKING MY HEART!!
ARE YOU CRYING? HEY! YOU'RE RUINING MY MAGAZINE!

THOMAS FARKER
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HI, SUNSHINE.
Slam
GET OUT!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
YOU BETTER GET OUT, OR I'M GONNA CALL THE COPS!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME, YOU EVIL SON OF A--
HEY...! JUST HOLD ON A SECOND...!

M-MURDERER...! UGH!
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DAMN! JUST SHUT THE HELL UP! YOUR VOICE IS SO ANNOYING!
UH-HUH... I BET YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF HERE SOON.
KAI WAS MORE WORRIED ABOUT HIS GIRLFRIEND THAN HIMSELF...TO THE POINT HE BARELY GOT OUT ALIVE. SO I FIGURED I SHOULD CHECK ON YOU.
WHAT? KAI... HE'S ALIVE?!
BARELY. I'M NO DOCTOR, BUT I LEARNED SOME STUFF WHEN I WAS IN THE GANG THAT'S WHAT SAVED HIM.

ALTHOUGH IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS KAI HAS NO TASTE.
WHAT THE HELL DOES HE SEE IN YOU?
I even like that long-haired woman better.
WHAT?
COME ON. EVEN I COULD LOOK SEXIER THAN YOU IF I WORE A DRESS.

빠악
YOU REALLY BUG THE CRAP OUT OF ME!
DAMN SAME TO YOU...

I'M OUTTA HERE. BEING NEAR YOU IS BAD FOR MY HEALTH. I'LL TELL KAI YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
KAI... ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HIM NOW?
YEAH. I GOTTA GET SOME STUFF FOR HIM TO EAT AND SOME NEW CLOTHES. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT ME TO TELL HIM?
I'LL DO IT MYSELF. I'M COMING WITH YOU!

WHAT?
HEY! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING, OR WHAT IT'S LIKE?
HEY, YOU...I'M *TALKING* TO *YOU!*
I DON'T CARE, AS LONG AS KAI'S THERE!

SOUL TO SEOUL

NO
I CAN'T DO
THIS.
I'M
JUST GONNA
GO HOME.
WHAT?!
BUT YOU'RE
ALREADY
HERE!
I CAN'T
WALK AROUND
LIKE THIS!
I LOOK
LIKE A
HOOKER!
YOU
REALLY
HAVE NO CLUE...
GIRL, THIS IS WHAT
PEOPLE WEAR
TO NIGHT-
CLUBS!

GELDA, DON'T WORRY. YOU LOOK PRETTY...
IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH, THEN YOU WEAR IT!
FINE! THEN WEAR THIS! IT'S WHAT I WORE TO SNEAK OUT OF MY HOUSE. THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL FIT...
BUT AT LEAST YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT LOOKS OKAY, RIGHT? LET'S JUST PUT ON A LITTLE MAKEUP.
WHY?
JEEZ... HELLO? BECAUSE WE'RE *UNDERAGE?* WE NEED TO LOOK AS MATURE AS POSSIBLE.
.....

OH MAN, THEY STARTED ALREADY! YOU'RE MAKING ME MISS IT.
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN.
MY HEART IS POUNDING!

GELDA, LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S MR. HWANG!
UGH...
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?! HE'S CLOSE TO 50 AND HE'S CROWD SURFING!
THAT'S MY BOY! YOU ROCK!
OH, YEAH! KEEP ME MOV-ING!
THIS NEXT SONG WE'RE GONNA DO IS CALLED...
..."SPUNK."

YES! I LOVE THAT SONG! THAT'S MY FAVORITE ONE!

THIS SONG IS...

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45

HEY .. HOPE YOU DON'T MIND LOW CARB BEER. THE STORE WAS OUR OF THE REGUL--

IF I WERE YOU...
...I WOULD HAVE WALKED AWAY. I'D NEVER SEE SOMEONE LIKE ME AGAIN.

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
I'M *ADDICTED* TO *YOU*.

I REALLY CAN'T STAND HER.
NOPE... NOT AT ALL.

SOUL TO SEOUL

LOOK-- LET'S JUST GO.
NO WAY! C'MON!
J.J.!!
J.J., OVER HERE!!
SALLY...
Hey guys--the stalker's back!
LOOK WHO I BROUGHT WITH ME!

WHO IS THAT? I CAN'T SEE...
GUESS!
LET ME GO!
GELDA?
AH.. H HI.

NOOKIE
MOM
HOW ARE THEY?
UM... THEY'RE DOING ALL RIGHT. YOU... REALLY LOOK HAPPY
I MEAN, YOUR MOM AND DAD AND KAI... I REALLY MISS THEM.
YEAH. I AM. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S REAL. I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A DREAM.
I USED TO DREAM THAT ALL THE BAD THINGS AROUND ME, THE REAL THINGS, WERE ACTUALLY JUST A DREAM...
... STARTING FROM THE MOMENT I FOLLOWED KAI HOME TO YOUR HOUSE...

BUT AFTER I WOKE UP, I'D BE BACK, LYING IN THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN.
IT'S FUNNY, ISN'T IT? WHEN I WAS SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, I ACTUALLY DREAMT ABOUT LIVING IN A BIG HOUSE AND BEING HAPPY.
BUT NOW THAT I'M HAPPY AND THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO WISH FOR, I DREAM ABOUT LIVING IN THE STREETS.
Y'KNOW THAT SONG I JUST SANG, "SPUNK"? IT'S ACTUALLY ALL ABOUT THAT...

WOW. THAT STRANGE NOTE SALLY WAS READING... THAT POEM WAS ACTUALLY LYRICS J.J. WAS WRITING.
I'M SORRY.
FOR WHAT?
JUST... FOR A LOT OF THINGS.
HOW I WAS ALWAYS MEAN TO YOU, ALWAYS YELLING AT YOU... I WAS TERRIBLE, WASN'T I? DO YOU THINK YOU COULD FORGIVE ME?

YOU DON'T NEED MY FORGIVE-NESS.
YOU WERE JUST PROTECTING WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY YOURS. I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING.
ACTUALLY... EVEN THOUGH I PRETENDED I WAS FINE...I WAS REALLY JEALOUS OF YOU.
I SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING. IT MADE ME SICK THAT I NEVER DID...THAT I COULD NEVER EVEN EXPRESS IT.

THIS IS SO WEIRD
...ISN'T IT? IN ALL THAT TIME, WE NEVER REALLY TALKED TO EACH OTHER...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT BUT IT'S GREAT
IN FACT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU SMILE.
YEAH, I KNOW. I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SMILE BEFORE, EITHER

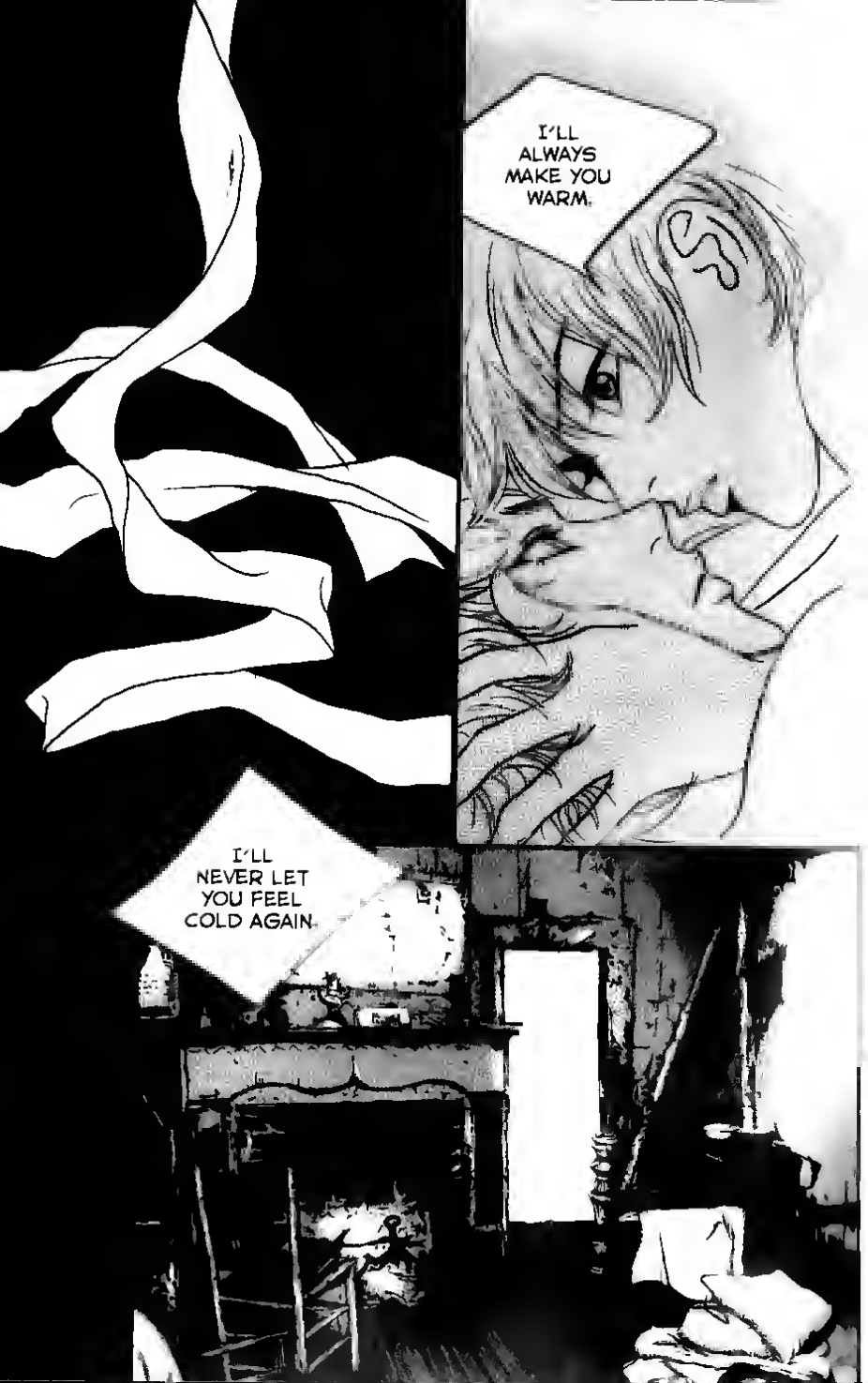
찰칵
It's too bad it took us so long
Yeah
찰칵
LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL SHOT!
WHAT A GREAT PICTURE! YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE THIS A LONG TIME AGO...

BUT THEN AGAIN... IF YOU GUYS GOT ALONG, J.J. WOULD HAVE NEVER COME TO ME.
SO GELDA... YOU'VE FINALLY REALIZED WHAT A TRUEGEM MY J.J. IS. HUH?
DAD...
OH, YOU TWO CUTIE PIES!
Ouch!! Your beard is prickly!
UH...MR. HWANG
Dad...please!! stop...!!
YOU TWO LOOK GOOD TOGETHER! YOU MAKE SUCH A CUTE COUPLE!
Wow! he really has a big, hairy face
H-HUH...? W-WHAT?
GELDA... WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SOMEDAY?

REMEMBER... THERE ARE NO COINCIDENCES IN LIFE. EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON! THE THREE OF US SHOULD LIVE TOGETHER!
WHAT ABOUT ME?!
Ugh! here he goes again
Ha ha ha
MR. HWANG! LAST TIME YOU TOLD ME I SHOULD BE MARRIED TO J.J!!
OH? DID I SAY THAT...?
THEN... BOTH OF YOU CAN COME! ALL FOUR OF US WILL LIVE TOGETHER!
NO WAY! MR. HWANG!!

YOU'RE SO COLD, KAI...
NO... YOU HAVE A FEVER. YOU'RE STILL SICK.

LET'S TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER
...AND YOU CAN WARM ME UP.
I'LL COOL YOU DOWN...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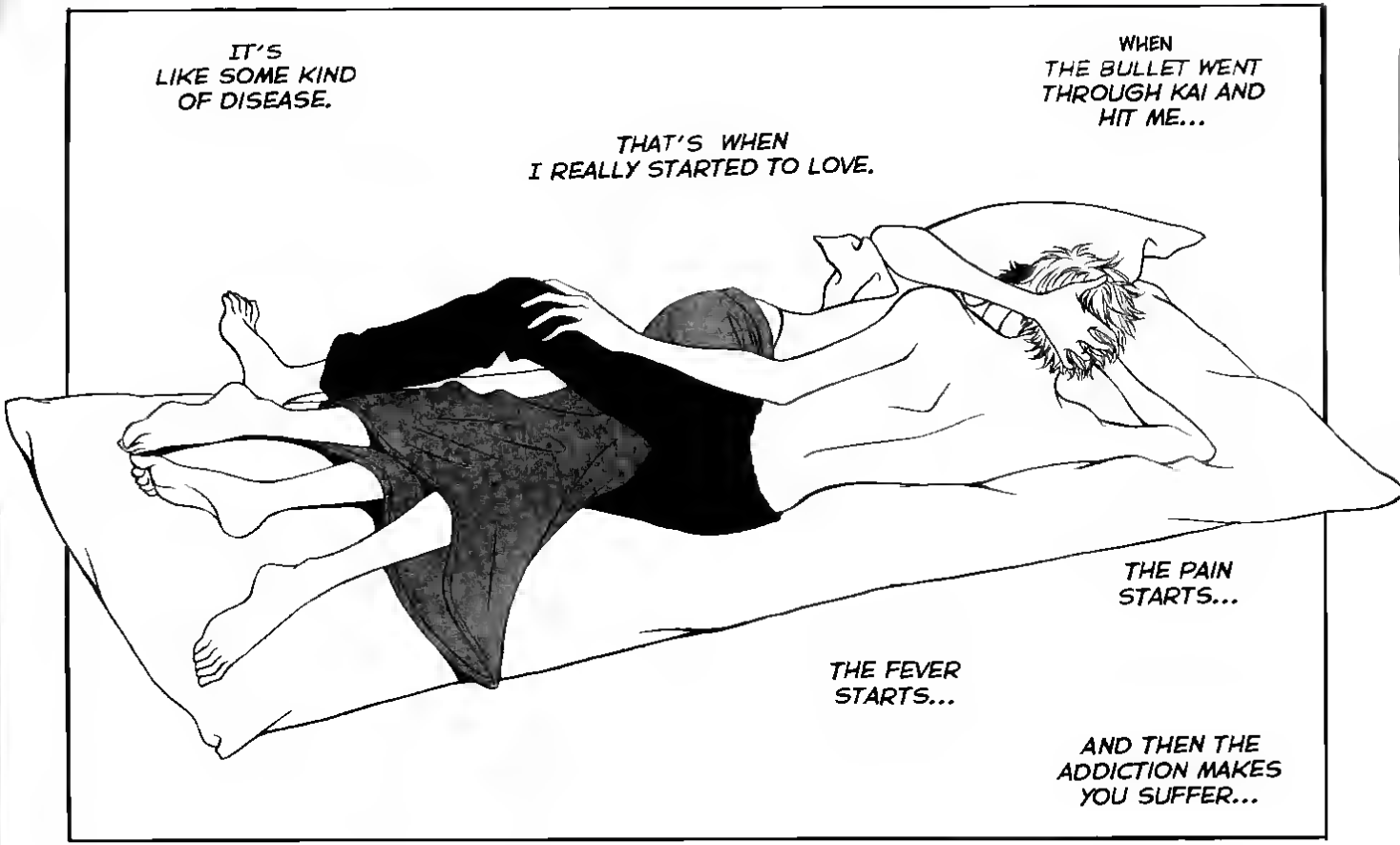
I'LL NEVER LET YOU FEEL COLD AGAIN.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LIKE SOME KIND
OF DISEASE.
WHEN
THE BULLET WENT
THROUGH KAI AND
HIT ME...
THAT'S WHEN
I REALLY STARTED TO LOVE.
THE PAIN
STARTS...
THE FEVER
STARTS...
AND THEN THE
ADDICTION MAKES
YOU SUFFER...

"SPIKE!"
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"SPIKE..."
"SPIKE, SWEETIE, COME TO MOMMY!"
"MY BOY!"
"MOM..."

R.I.P
"MOM!"
"I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOU ANYMORE."
"SPIKE..."
"BROTHERS? HAH! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!"

"DAD..."
"WHAT'S WRONG?"
"WHY...?"
"WHY ARE YOU ALL LEAVING ME BEHIND?"
"WHY DO THESE THINGS ONLY HAPPEN TO ME?"

SPIKE...

SPIKE!
UNH!
WERE YOU SLEEPING? YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP.
AH... A-ARE ARE YOU DONE READY?
KER DOCHAN
REALLY...I'M SERIOUSLY STARTING TO QUESTION YOUR ABILITY TO BE MY BODYGUARD.
Tsk. Tsk. Tsk

SORRY...
AND THAT'S GETTING OLD TOO! AREN'T YOU BORED OF SAYING THAT TO ME ALL THE TIME?
LOOK... I'M TIRED ALL RIGHT? I JUST WANT TO GO HOME AND SLEEP.
novotel

ARE YOU ALWAYS THIS QUIET?
THERE'S... NOTHING MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.
WELL, I'M BORED. TALK TO ME ABOUT SOMETHING.
LIKE WHAT?
ANYTHING. ABOUT YOU...OR ME. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW?

I ALREADY KNOW ALL I NEED TO KNOW.
I MEAN SOMETHING *PERSONAL* ABOUT ME SOMETHING YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW...
MY CONTRACT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME BEING PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN YOU
DO YOU REALLY NOT CARE?
OR ARE YOU JUST PLAYING HARD TO GET?
OR... MAYBE YOU'RE *GAY*...

I'M NOT GAY. I...THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT HOMELY-LOOKING ASIAN GIRL WITH THE SHORT HAIR?
YES...

HEY! OW!
HOW DARE YOU INSULT ME LIKE THAT!! SO IS SHE THE REASON YOU WERE SO OUT OF IT EARLIER?!
STOP IT! WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
YOU'RE THE MOST WORTHLESS BODYGUARD I'VE EVER HAD! I'M GONNA HAVE MY BROTHER FIRE YOU!
HEY...! EASY!

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I LOVE YOU.

EVEN THOUGH I GOT YOU SHOT?
YES. I LOVE YOU.
EVEN THOUGH I'M STILL A PLAYER?
YES. I LOVE YOU.
EVEN THOUGH I *KILLED* SOMEONE?

YES.
EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT...I STILL LOVE YOU. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DUMP ME WHEN YOU START TO HATE ME.
I'LL LOVE YOU UNTIL THEN
NO. THAT'S NEVER GONNA HAPPEN.

I COULD NEVER HATE YOU. *NEVER.*
SO THAT MEANS YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME!

HEY, BIG BROTHER!
YOU'RE LATE.

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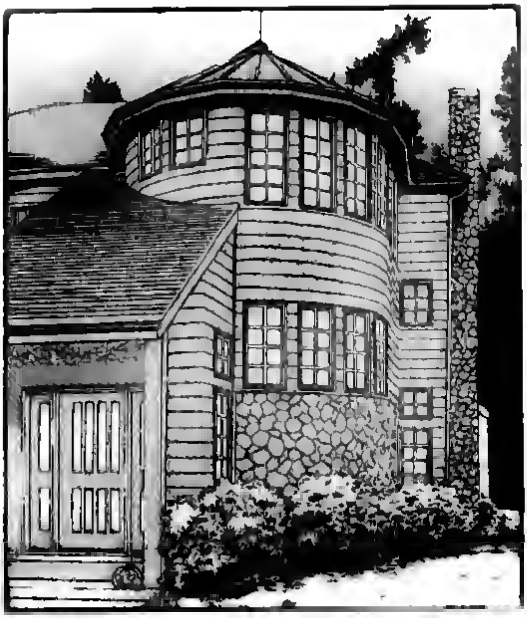
SHOT #13:
Halloween

SO... YOU WANT TO QUIT?
WHY?
I DON'T THINK I'M RIGHT FOR THIS PARTICULAR JOB. JUST GIVE ME SOMETHING ELSE TO DO. ANYTHING WILL BE FINE.
LISTEN. HILLARY MAY SELECT HER PEOPLE, BUT I MAKE THE FINAL CALL. YOU JUST NEED TO DO WHAT YOU WERE HIRED TO DO AND KEEP DOING IT WELL. IS THAT SO HARD?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HASN'T HILLARY SAID ANYTHING TO YOU? I THOUGHT I LOST HER TRUST AS HER BODY-GUARD.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SHE TOLD ME SHE FEELS MORE PROTECTED BECAUSE YOU'RE BY HER SIDE.

SHE SAID THAT ABOUT ME?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT AT ALL.
DID YOU THINK SHE TALKED BADLY ABOUT YOU? LOOK, AS LONG AS HILLARY'S HAPPY, I'M HAPPY. IS THIS ABOUT MONEY?
WELL, THEN THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DISCUSS JUST CONTINUE TO DO YOUR JOB
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D OUTSMART ME?
HILLARY..
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU GO THAT EASILY
YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH. YOU CAN'T BE SEDUCED OR THREATENED...

UP UNTIL NOW, I COULD GET ANYTHING I WANTED. SO HOW COME IT DOESN'T WORK WITH YOU?
HILLARY... THIS ISN'T GOOD EVEN IF I'M UNDER CONTRACT, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO LIE ABOUT MY FEELINGS
HOW CAN I GET YOU?
YOU IDIOT!!
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU *LIKE* SO MUCH ABOUT HER?! DOES SHE EVEN *KNOW* YOU *EXIST*?! YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!

NO. I ALREADY MADE TOO MANY OF THOSE.
MY BIGGEST WAS BEING BORN WITH MIXED BLOOD IN HARLEM. MY NEXT MISTAKE WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO PROTECT MY OWN FAMILY. AND THEN...
I LOST...HER... TO MY MOST TRUSTED FRIEND.
NOTHING ELSE HAS ANY MEANING FOR ME ANYMORE.
REALLY? WELL, YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE! YOU'RE GONNA REGRET THIS!
JUST WAIT AND SEE!!



DAD? IT'S ME, J.J.!
WHAT TIME WILL YOU BE HOME? EIGHT?
CAN'T YOU COME HOME EARLY TODAY? WHAT ABOUT SIX THIRTY? WELL, HOW 'BOUT SEVEN?

YEAH, GELDA AND SALLY CAME BY TO DECORATE FOR HALLOWEEN. WE'RE COOKING, TOO... YEAH, YEAH... H HA HA! I KNOW...!
J.J.! MAKE SURE HE GETS A LOT OF CANDY!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I HEARD THEM. TELL THEM I'LL BUY ENOUGH TO GIVE OUT TO A THOUSAND LITTLE KIDS.
THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED?

SO IS HE COMING HOME EARLY?
YEAH. HE SAID NO LATER THAN SEVEN.
PERFECT!
J. J., GIVE THIS A TASTE.
UGH.
WHAT'S WRONG? IS IT...BAD? TOO SALTY?
IT'S TOO SPICY! DAD CAN'T EAT SPICY FOOD!
REALLY? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
ADD SOME MORE WATER
HOW'S THIS?
MM. MORE

MOM! HERE IT IS! THIS IS THE BEST STORE AROUND!
REALLY? WE BETTER HAVE A LOOK THEN
CELEBRATE THE DAY OF THE DEAD
HELLO.
HALLOWEEN...
YOU STILL HAVE SOME CANDY LEFT, I HOPE?
SURE. HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?
ABOUT A TON.
EXCUSE ME?
I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT HALLOWEEN FOR SO LONG.
HA HA HA! I'M JUST KIDDING.

HALLOWEEN...
BEFORE I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY, I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT, NOR DID I HAVE ANY INTEREST.
BUT THEN I MET YOU AT THAT HALLOWEEN PARADE...I WAS TWENTY-EIGHT.
AND THEN, NINE YEARS LATER TO THE DAY, I LOST YOU. I WAS THIRTY-SEVEN THEN...AND EVER SINCE, HALLOWEEN HAS BEEN A DAY OF MISERY...
I JUST WANT TO HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN AGAIN. IS THAT OKAY, MY LOVE? IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

KOREAN NAME? RIGHT. I GUESS I'LL NEED THAT WHEN I GO TO KOREA.
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING GOOD?
WELL, SINCE YOU'RE JUDAS JESUS...WHY DON'T YOU PICK ONE OF THOSE?
JUDAS HWANG... JESUS HWANG...I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT ABOUT MAKING J.J., "JEH-JEH"? THAT SOUNDS CUTE!
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE NAME OF A PET HOW ABOUT JUST JEH? JEH HWANG?

JEH HWANG?
THAT'S WEIRD, TOO!
I THINK IT SOUNDS COOL!

WEST SIDE
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VILLAGE SMOKES
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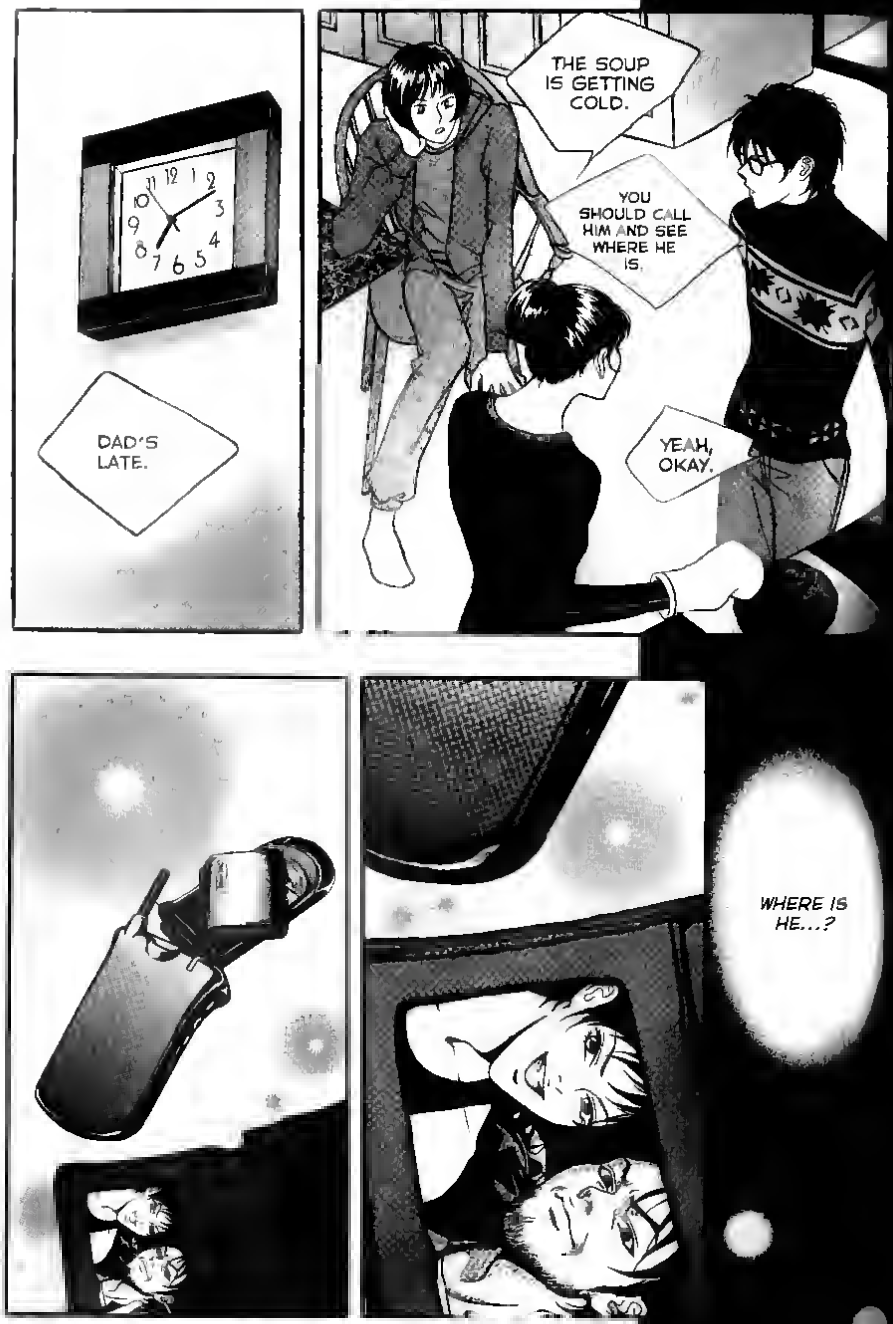
TWO PACKS OF MARLBOROS PLEASE!

SORRY-- BUT WE'RE TEMPORARILY OUT OF BUSINESS WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAND OVER YOUR WALLET IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT

DAMMIT...! WHAT THE...
SHIT!
BANG

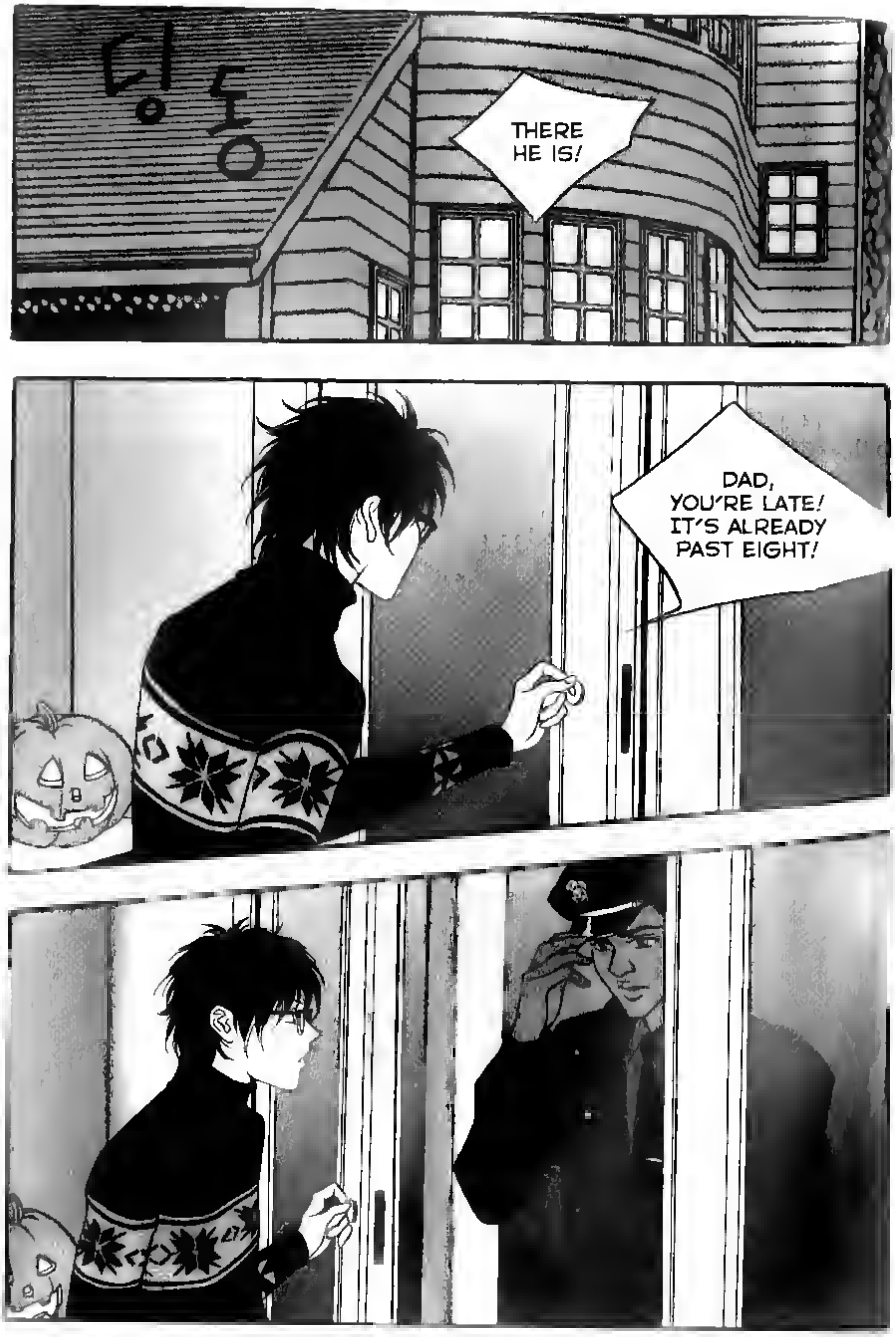

DAD'S LATE.
THE SOUP IS GETTING COLD.
YOU SHOULD CALL HIM AND SEE WHERE HE IS.
YEAH, OKAY.
WHERE IS HE...?

HE'S NOT PICKING UP.
EXCEPT RESIDENTS THIS BLOCK
9A
WEST SIDE HWY
CHRISTOPHER ST
ONE WAY
VILLAGE SMOKES
PIPES
BOOKS

J.J....

I...
I NEED TO
GO TO J.J....
I NEED...
TO GO HOME
TO HIM...

WHAT...
WHAT TIME...
IS...IT...?


THERE HE IS!
DAD, YOU'RE LATE! IT'S ALREADY PAST EIGHT!

MR. HWANG?
THIS IS HIS ADOPTED SON. WE THINK HE'S THE ONLY FAMILY MEMBER HERE
I'M VERY SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT...
YES...?
...AROUND 6:30 TODAY, YOUR FATHER...

...WAS SHOT AND KILLED. WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS... I...I'M SORRY.

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NO ONE'S ANSWERING THE DOORBELL.
I GUES NOBODY'S HOME. LET'S JUST GO TO THE NEXT HOUSE.
OKAY.

DAD...
DAD...PLEASE TELL ME THIS IS A JOKE, OKAY...?
YOU'RE JUST PULLING A PRANK ON ME BECAUSE IT'S THE DAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN, RIGHT?
WELL, IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE!
DAD!!
PLEASE GET UP, DAD! GET UP AND LET'S GO HOME!
DAD!!

LIES... THEY'RE ALL LIES!
THIS IS JUST SOME KIND OF ELABORATE HALLOWEEN PRANK THAT HE'S PULLING WITH THE TV STATION!
I'M SURE THERE ARE HIDDEN CAMERAS ALL OVER THE HOUSE.
RIGHT, DAD? RIGHT NOW YOU'RE JUST LAUGHING AT ME AREN'T YOU?

WHOA, CHECK OUT THE FOX IN THE DEVIL COSTUME! WHO IS THAT, ANYWAY?
IT'S HILLARY!
MAN, SHE LOOKS GREAT!
CHECK OUT THAT BODY!
YEAH... BUT HER BODY-GUARD SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ANGEL?
HILLARY'S DEFINITELY GONNA WIN THE BEST COSTUME AWARD THIS YEAR!
NO DOUBT!

YOU'D WANT ME TO WALK AROUND IN THAT RIDICULOUS OUTFIT?
SEE? EVERYONE'S SAYING IT! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN A GUARDIAN ANGEL!
SPIKE?
IS THAT YOU?
SUNIL.../

YOU'RE BACK!
WITH A VENGEANCE. HEY, THANKS FOR COMING TO THE HOSPITAL. OH, AND I'M DIGGING THE WHOLE SKELETON THING.
THANKS. AND WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
SEXY PIRATE CHICK, OF COURSE. WHY? DOES IT LOOK BAD?
NO, NOT AT ALL.../ YOU LOOK... WELL, COOL!
WHERE'S KAI?
HE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE...

OH... I'D BETTER GO.
COME ON! I DON'T HAVE ALL NIGHT!
OKAY, OKAY...!
I'M HERE FOR YOUR SOUL, LITTLE GIRL.
SORRY... BUT I'M ALLERGIC TO DORKS IN CHEESY COSTUMES.

YOU'RE LATE.
AH... I HAD TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE STUFF...
STUFF? WHAT KIND OF STUFF?
MR. HWANG... J.J.'S FATHER... GOT KILLED. HE WALKED IN ON A ROBBERY AT A LITTLE MARKET...
WHAT?!
J.J. IS JUST SO UNLUCKY... AND POOR MR. HWANG...
I'M GONNA DROP BY LATER

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT... I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR J.J....
BY THE WAY, WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
UM, SEXY PIRATE CHICK? HELLO?
You shouldn't do your hair like that
What? Why?
Because it makes you look old!
What?!

IS THAT HER?
I THINK SO. SHE'S THE ONLY ASIAN GIRL IN A PIRATE COSTUME.
Not as hot as the devil girl but she still looks pretty good
DAMMIT! SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ALONE!
THE ONE WITH THE MASK...IS THAT HER BOY-FRIEND?
Aaggh!
I look old, you say?!
You are so dead!!
HE LOOKS PRETTY USELESS.
DON'T DO ANYTHING YET. LET'S SAVE OUR ENERGY WE'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL HE TAKES OFF.

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SPEAK.
Perfect day for another job ay?
We have another assignment I immediately thought of you
I left the details at the usual place It needs to be done by the end of the day Happy Halloween.
Click!
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DAMN.
WHAT IS IT?
SORRY... BUT I HAVE TO GO SOMETHING JUST CAME UP.
WHAT?!
KAI!!
I'LL CALL YOU LATER...

KAI... THIS IS GETTING REALLY...
HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM...BUT I DON'T THINK HE FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME.

HOW LONG
CAN I KEEP
THIS UP?

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WHO THE HECK ARE THESE CLOWNS? I'M STARTING TO GET A BAD FEELING...
MASARU
FINE. THEN! YOU WANT TO PLAY?
WELL, THEN...

LET'S PLAY!
HEY! SHE'S RUNNING! DID SHE SEE US?!
DUH! WHAT DO YOU THINK, GENIUS?!
HURRY! DON'T LOSE HER!!

WHY ARE THEY STILL FOLLOWING ME?!

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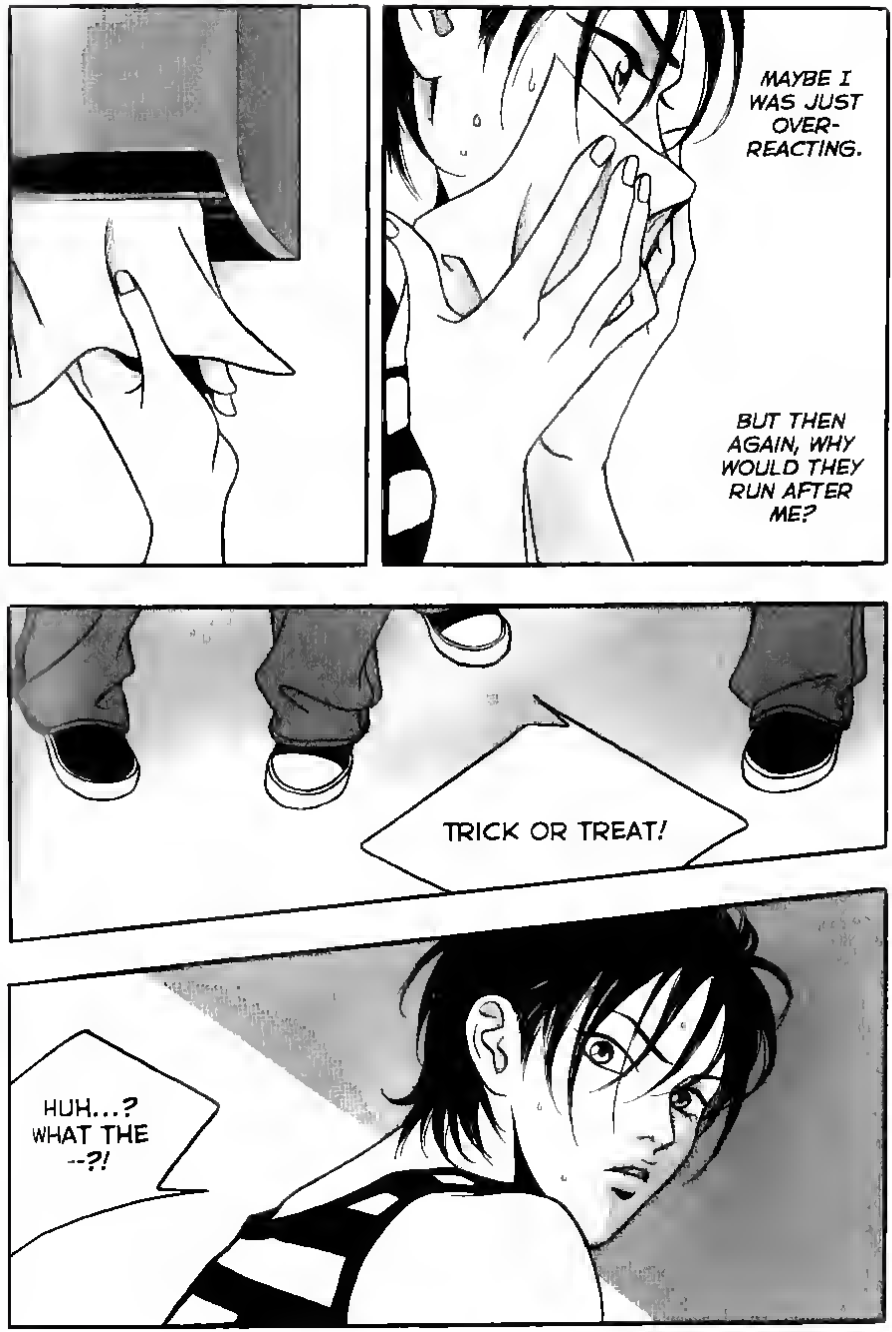
TRICK OR TREAT!
We just want something sweet to eat! Give us a little candy!
Yeah, c'mon! Give us some.
Candy! Candy!
WHAT A BUNCH OF FREAKS! THEY'RE NOT EVEN KIDS AND THEY'RE TRICK OR TREATING...


MAYBE I WAS JUST OVER-REACTING.
BUT THEN AGAIN, WHY WOULD THEY RUN AFTER ME?
TRICK OR TREAT!
HUH...? WHAT THE --?!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN *HERE*?! THIS IS THE *WOMEN'S BATHROOM!*
WHY ARE YOU *FOLLOWING ME?* WHAT DO YOU *WANT*?!
WE FINISHED ALL OUR CANDY.
YEAH? AND...?
WHAT? YOU WANT MORE?

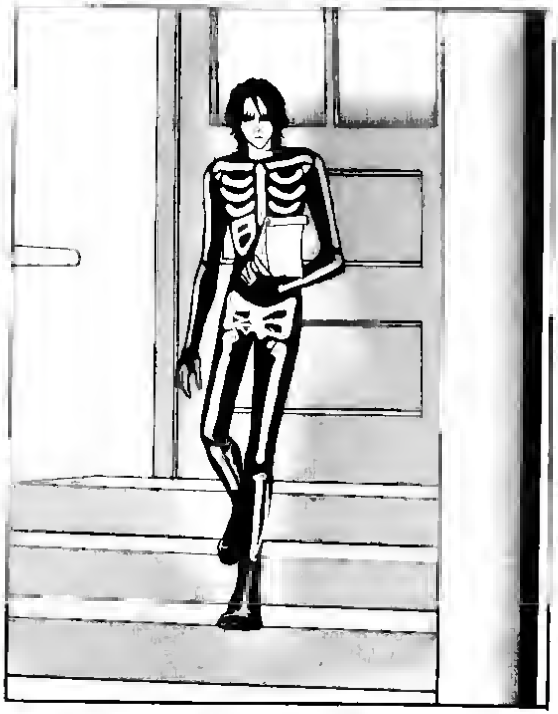
NO...CANDY DOESN'T REALLY DO IT FOR US. MAYBE WHEN WE WERE KIDS...BUT WE'RE ALL GROWN UP NOW.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?!
THINK ABOUT IT. WAS THERE ANYONE YOU MIGHT HAVE PISSED OFF LATELY?
I MEAN, IT'S HALLOWEEN. YOU REALLY THINK WE'D BE WASTING OUR TIME FOR NOTHING?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

TSK... THAT'S TOO BAD. GET HER!
YES, SIR!

URRRRGH... THAT L-LITTLE TR-TRAMP...!!
GET AWAY FROM ME!!
AAGGHH!!
THIS CHICK'S TOUGH!!
UGHH...

Coca-Cola

DAMN... HUFF... THAT CHICK... COULD FIGHT...
WHAT KIND OF GIRL IS THAT STRONG?
IT'S A GOOD THING WE BROUGHT SOMETHING TO SEDATE HER.
SHE'S NOT BAD AT ALL. I LIKE THOSE ASIAN GIRLS.
YOU DO? NOT ME. THEY THINK THEY'RE BETTER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE.
GUYS, FIGHT ABOUT THAT LATER. LETS CLEAN THIS UP AND GET OUT OF HERE.



SUNIL...

WHAT IS SHE
DDING?

SUNIL?
SUNIL!
SUNIL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Crap

SUNIL!!
HEY, WAIT UP!!
SUNIL! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

WHAT...WHERE DID THEY TAKE HER? WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED ...?!

TAXI!!!

GROCERY
FRESH FRUIT
FRUITS
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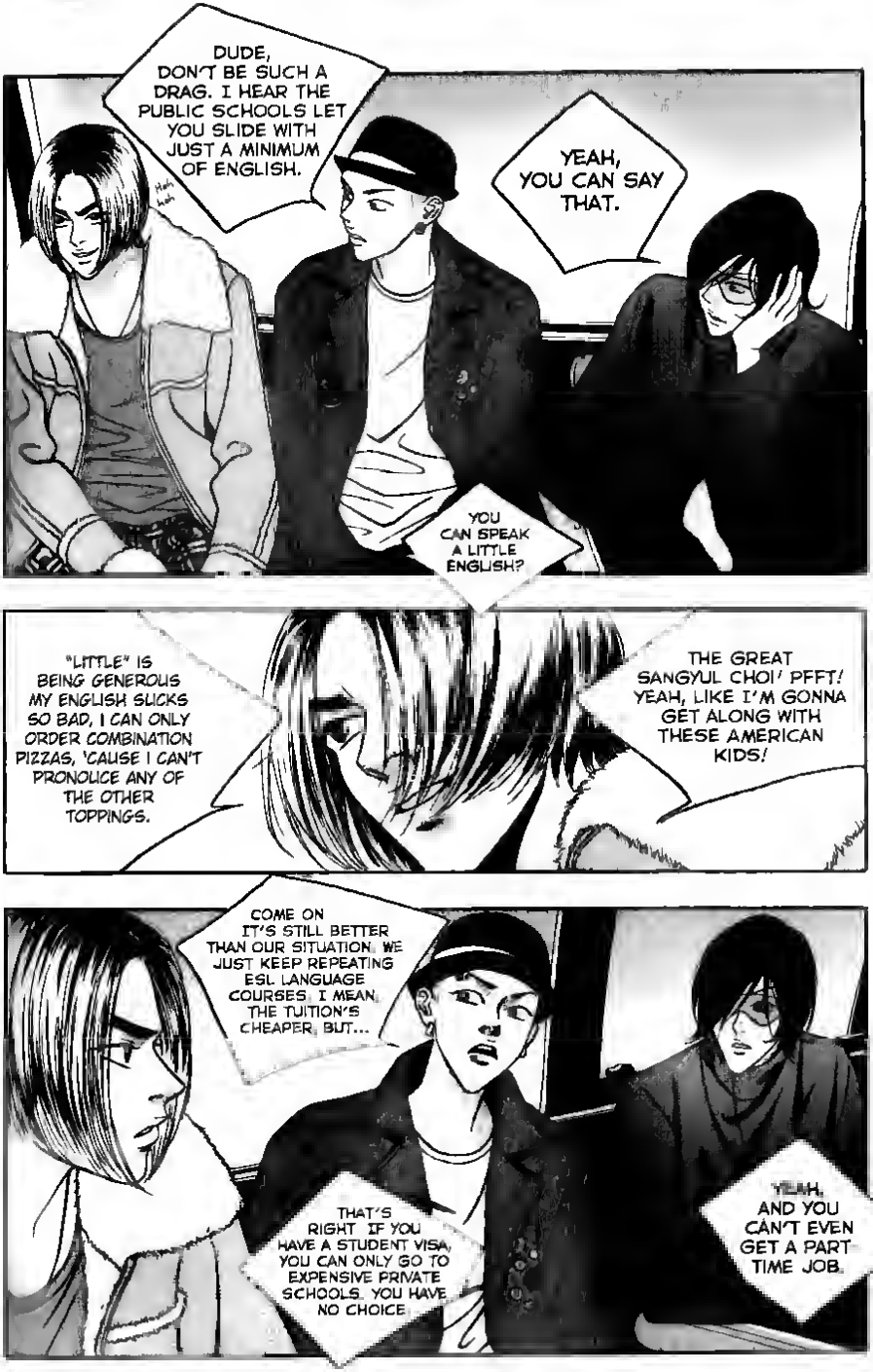
FRUITS
WHOA! YOU GET TO START SCHOOL NEXT YEAR? I AM *TOTALLY* ENVIOUS OF YOU!
YOU'RE ENVIOUS OF *CRAP*. I CAN'T TAKE IT...


DUDE, DON'T BE SUCH A DRAG. I HEAR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS LET YOU SLIDE WITH JUST A MINIMUM OF ENGLISH.
Heh heh
YEAH, YOU CAN SAY THAT.
YOU CAN SPEAK A LITTLE ENGLISH?
"LITTLE" IS BEING GENEROUS MY ENGLISH SUCKS SO BAD, I CAN ONLY ORDER COMBINATION PIZZAS, 'CAUSE I CAN'T PRONOUCE ANY OF THE OTHER TOPPINGS.
THE GREAT SANGYUL CHOI' PFFT! YEAH, LIKE I'M GONNA GET ALONG WITH THESE AMERICAN KIDS!
COME ON IT'S STILL BETTER THAN OUR SITUATION. WE JUST KEEP REPEATING ESL LANGUAGE COURSES. I MEAN, THE TUITION'S CHEAPER, BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT. IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT VISA, YOU CAN ONLY GO TO EXPENSIVE PRIVATE SCHOOLS. YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.
YEAH, AND YOU CAN'T EVEN GET A PART TIME JOB.

I HAD NO IDEA THAT MY UNCLE WOULD LEGALLY ADOPT ME JUST TO SEND ME TO PUBLIC SCHOOL. I MEAN, IT'S GREAT THAT I'M GETTING A GREEN CARD, I GUESS...BUT I HAVE TO BE IN *NINTH* GRADE!
I'LL BE IN THE SAME CLASS WITH KIDS TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME. IT JUST GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
YOU'LL BE FINE. YOU LOOK YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE.
YEAH. AND KIDS HERE ARE PRETTY TALL. SO YOU DEFINITELY WON'T STAND OUT AT ALL. JUST HANG OUT WITH THEM AND SEE HOW IT GOES, SHORTY!
WHAT?!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU GUYS! I'M ALREADY STRESSED AS IS ABOUT MY HEIGHT!
THE ORIGINAL 501 JEAN
OUCH! DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON ME!
YEAH, WELL, WE DIDN'T TELL YOU NOT TO GROW!

WOW, LOOK AT THAT GUY! WE SHOULD ALL BE THAT TALL! HE'S GOTTA BE AT LEAST SIX FEET...
HEY... ALL OF THE PLAYERS ON THE YANKEES ARE TALLER THAN US, BUT I'M SURE WE EAT THE SAME THINGS, RIGHT?
I WISH I WAS A BALL PLAYER...
SANGYUL, LOOK AT THAT DUDE. HE SEEMS PRETTY COOL, HUH?

AND... SHE'S WITH THAT GUY...?!
IS THAT... MY AUNT?!

DUDE... WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU SO EMBARRASSED NOW THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE?
IT'S NOT... THE WOMAN NEXT TO THAT GUY IS MY AUNT!
YOUR AUNT?
HUH? WAIT... SO THAT DUDE IS YOUR UNCLE?! YOU NEVER TOLD US YOUR UNCLE WAS WHITE!
ARE YOU CRAZY? THAT'S NOT MY UNCLE!
THEN WHO IS HE?
HOW THE HELL DO I KNOW?! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

REALLY? THEY LOOK PRETTY TIGHT, MAN.
YEAH. THEY'RE DEFINITELY A COUPLE.
Dude, your aunt is hot!
DOES THIS MEAN... SHE'S HAVING AN AFFAIR?!
WHY DOES THAT GUY LOOK SO FAMILIAR?
HE TOTALLY REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE...

SOUL TO SEOUL

HEY, LOOK WHO'S HERE.
IT'S HER KNIGHT IN SHINING SPANDEX.
ARE YOU HERE TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS?
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU TRY.
ONE WRONG MOVE...AND WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU NEVER WALK AGAIN.
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU CRAP!
YEAH. JUST GET LOST! THIS CHICK'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM.
WHERE'D YOU DUMP YOUR QUEEN, MAN? SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT HER?

YEAH, PUNK! WHAT ABOUT THAT? I'D WORRY ABOUT HER-- BECAUSE I'M GONNA KILL THIS ONE!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY.

WE WILL--RIGHT AFTER WE KILL YOU!
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ARE THEY GONE?
YEP. ALL OF THEM.
LET'S GO.
YOU AMAZE ME.
WHY?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEIR MOVES SO WELL? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN GET NEAR THOSE OLD GUYS...YET YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHEN TO ATTACK THEM.

SO WHO IS IT?
WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?
AH...AND THE TRUTH COMES OUT. NOW I SEE WHAT YOU'RE UP TO. ALL THAT TALK ABOUT BECOMING ALLIES AND SAVING ME WAS JUST TO FIND OUT *WHO* I WORK FOR. HUH?
NO... THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...
NO MATTER WHO YOU PRETEND TO BE OR WHAT YOU DO, I WILL *NEVER* TELL YOU *THAT*.

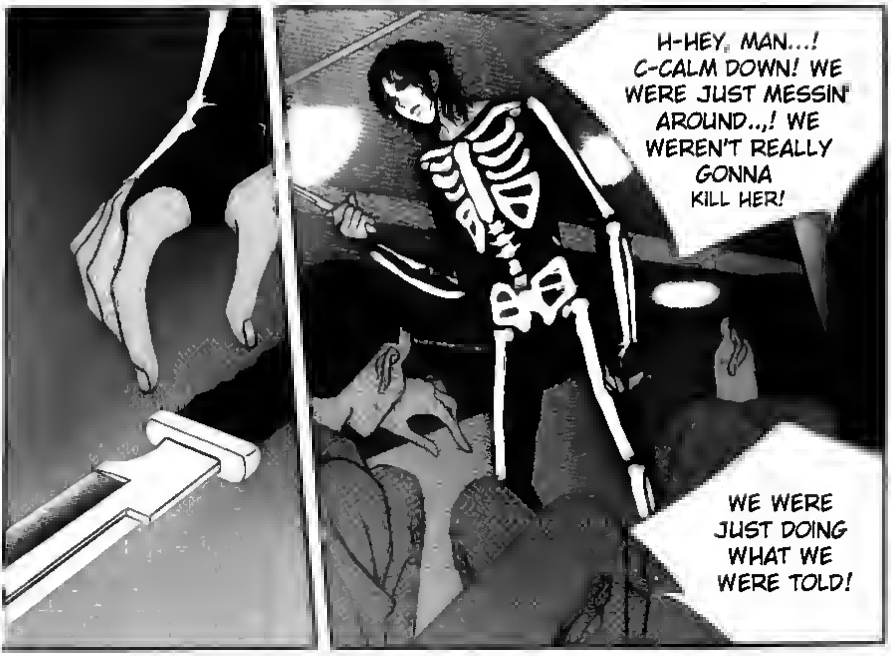
AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M AFTER!!

YOU'RE...?!

YEAH. DO YOU FINALLY GET IT NOW? YOU CAN'T BE THAT STUPID...
HILLARY ORDERED THIS SHE SET IT ALL UP.

HILLARY...?!
SPIKE... WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL OVER THIS CHICK?
WHY IS HILLARY DYING TO GET HER HANDS ON HER?
DAMN... WHAT ARE WE GONNA TELL HER NOW?
HILLARY PROMISED US A LOT OF STUFF IF WE DID THIS...

AND NOW, THANKS TO YOU...
JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTH!!


H-HEY, MAN...! C-CALM DOWN! WE WERE JUST MESSIN' AROUND..,! WE WEREN'T REALLY GONNA KILL HER!
WE WERE JUST DOING WHAT WE WERE TOLD!

YOU WORTHLESS SCUM.

Rrring
rrring
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
Beep!
SPIKE? IT'S ME! WHERE ARE YOU?!
...
SPIKE! SPIKE! ANSWER ME!
CLICK
DAMN! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?! DID HE JUST...
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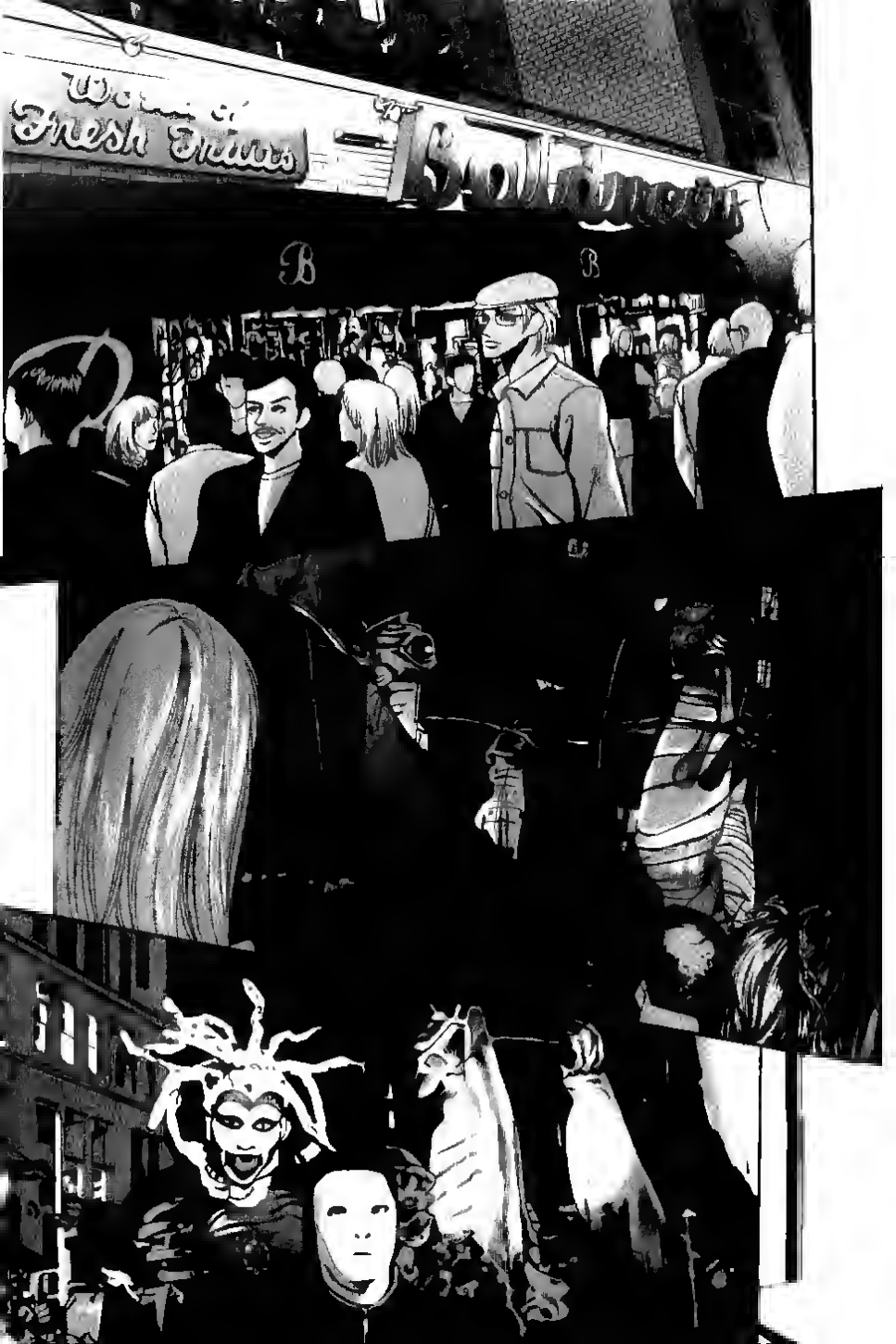
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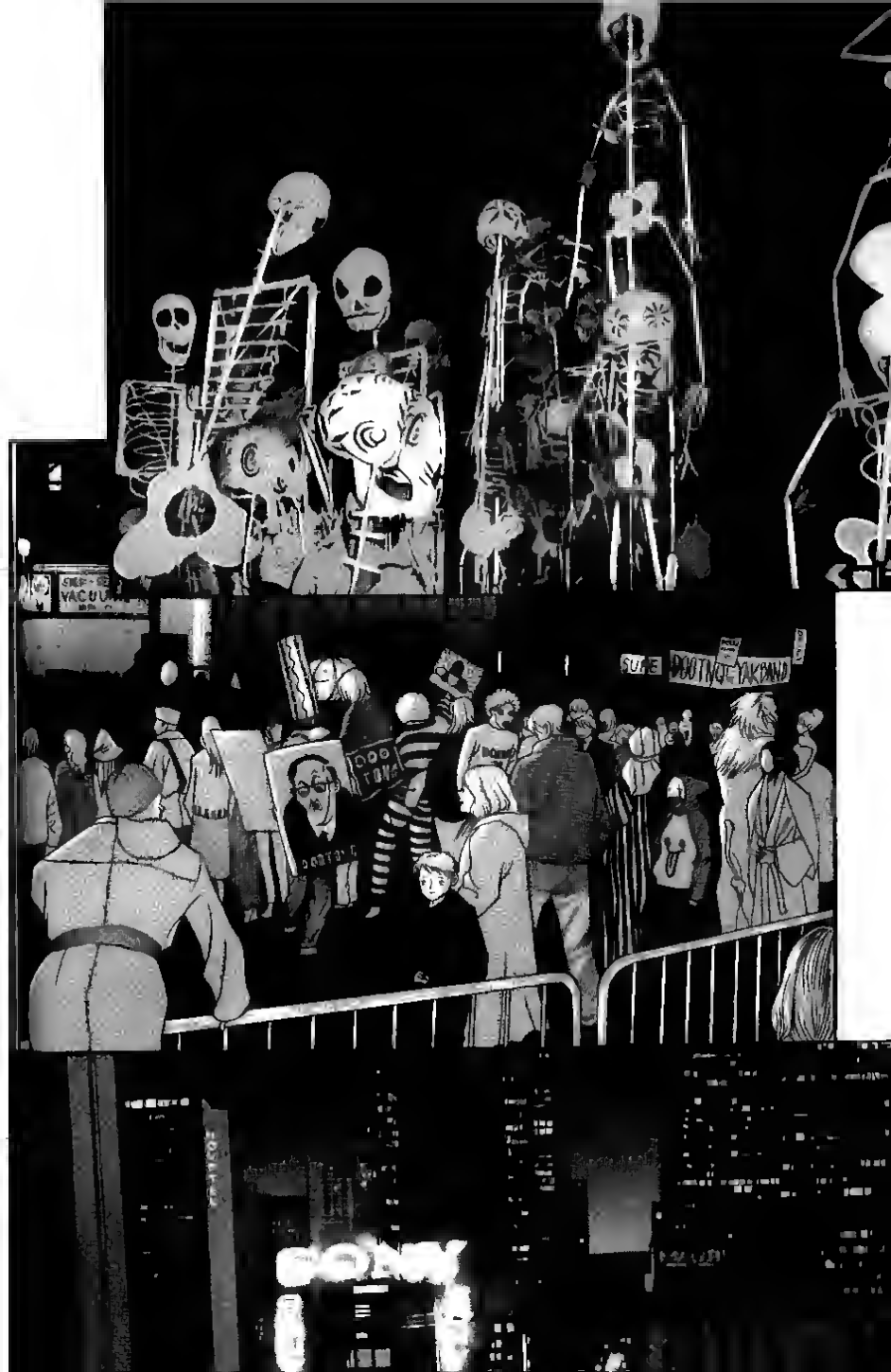
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ONE DAY, I REALIZED MY LIFE JUST HASN'T BEEN THAT GREAT.

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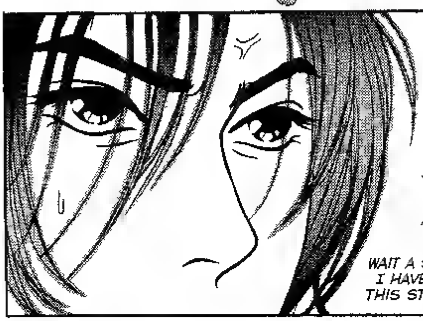
I'm Not a Gangster!!

I ADMIT THAT I'M A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT IT'S NOTHING TO BE ALARMED ABOUT. AND WHATEVER OTHER PEOPLE MAY SAY ABOUT ME, I'M NOT A GANGSTER!

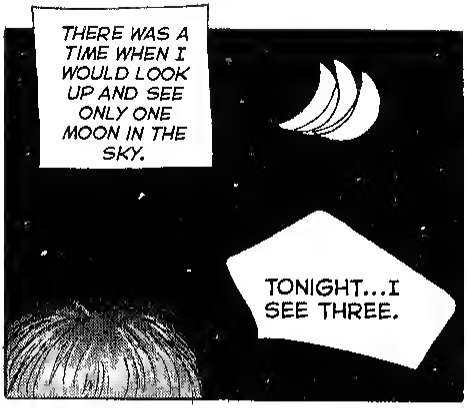


LOOK AT THAT! WHAT A DISRESPECTFUL LOOK!

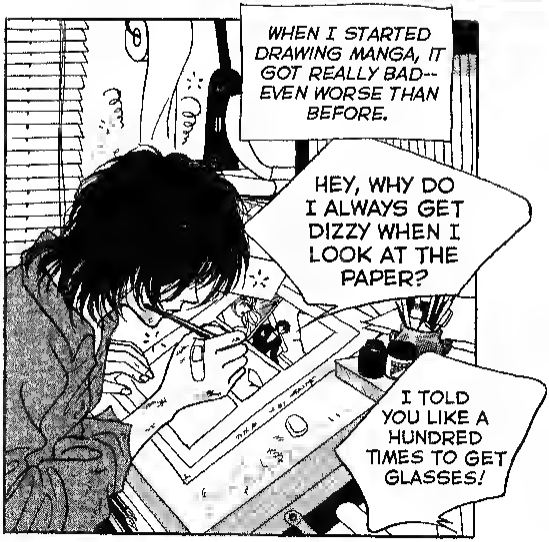
Disrespectful?

WAIT A SECOND ..LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING! EVEN THOUGH I HAVE BAD EYES, I DON'T WEAR GLASSES SO THANKS TO THIS STIGMATISM, MY EYES CAN BE PRETTY VIOLENT LOOKING.

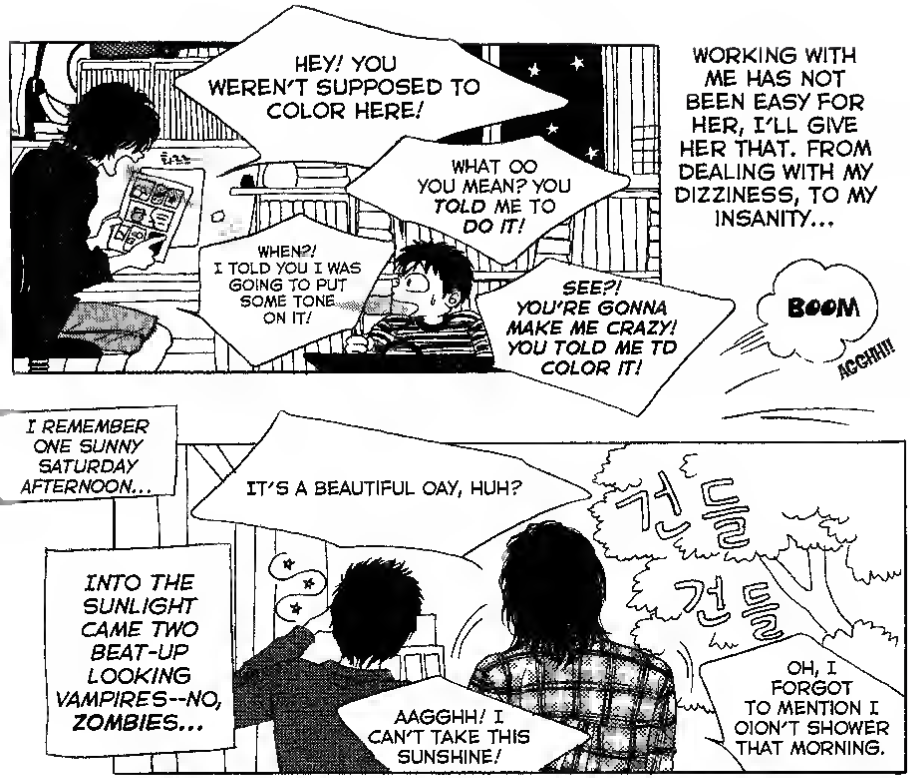
My friends who have seen my self-portraits are always shocked- but I don't care! I can do whatever I want!



IT'S GOTTEN PROGRESSIVELY WORSE. I REMEMBER STARING AT SOME BUSTS UNDER A BRIGHT LIGHT AND I COULD HARDLY SEE THEM. BUT I JUST HATE WEARING GLASSES. THEY'RE SO BORING. AND I CAN'T WEAR CONTACT LENSES, SO...


WHEN I STARTED DRAWING MANGA, IT GOT REALLY BAD-- EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE.
HEY, WHY DO I ALWAYS GET DIZZY WHEN I LOOK AT THE PAPER?
I TOLD YOU LIKE A HUNDRED TIMES TO GET GLASSES!

JU-YEON, WHO HELPS ME WITH THE ARWORK, WAS MY FRIEND BEFORE I HAD THIS REGULAR GIG. SHE WAS A NORMAL HUMAN BEING...THAT IS, BEFORE SHE MET ME.

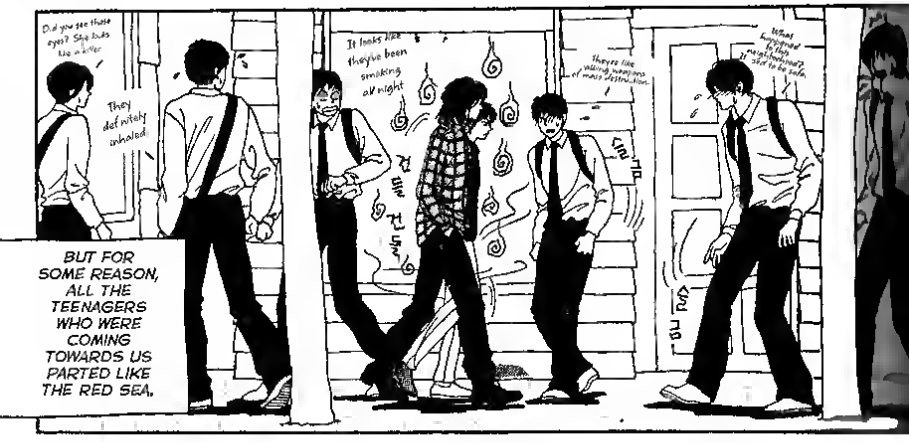

HEY! YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO COLOR HERE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU *TOLD* ME TO *DO IT!*
WHEN?! I TOLD YOU I WAS GOING TO PUT SOME TONE ON IT!
SEE?! *YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME CRAZY! YOU TOLD ME TO COLOR IT!*
WORKING WITH ME HAS NOT BEEN EASY FOR HER, I'LL GIVE HER THAT. FROM DEALING WITH MY DIZZINESS, TO MY INSANITY...
BOOM
ACCHH!!!
I REMEMBER ONE SUNNY SATURDAY AFTERNOON...
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY, HUH?
INTO THE SUNLIGHT CAME TWO BEAT-UP LOOKING VAMPIRES--NO, ZOMBIES...
AAGGHH! I CAN'T TAKE THIS SUNSHINE!
OH, I FORGOT TO MENTION I DIDN'T SHOWER THAT MORNING.

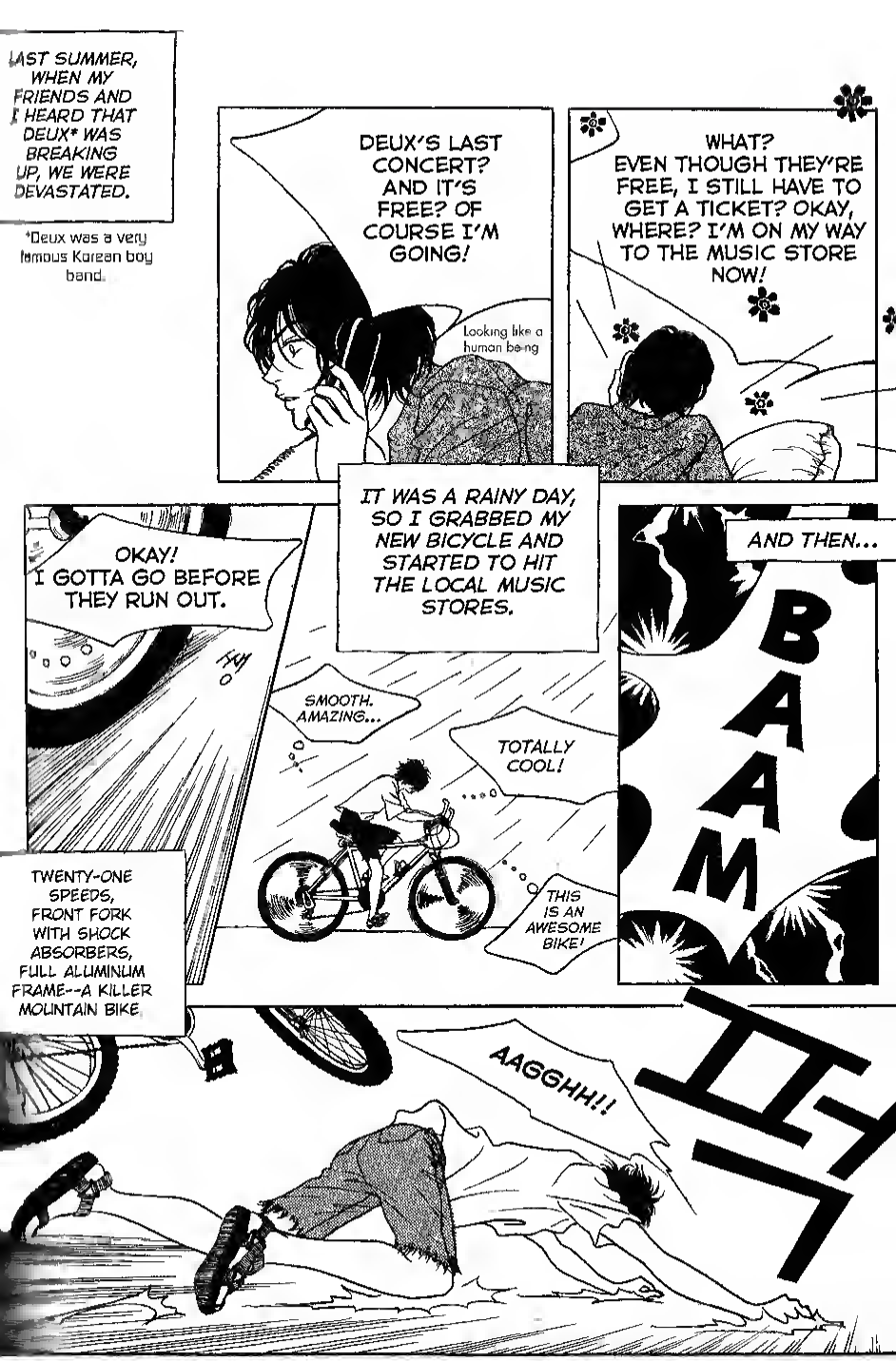
In addition to that, I swagger a bit when I walk. I was never aware of it before.

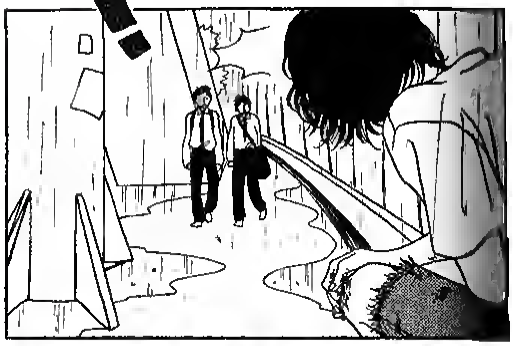
HA HA HA! LOOK AT THAT SEA OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS!
UGH...! I CAN'T STAND TO SEE TEENAGERS IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS! LUCKILY, I NEVER HAD TO WEAR ONE WHEN I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL.
OF ALL THE TIMES TO TAKE A WALK, WE SURE PICKED THE WORST ONE...

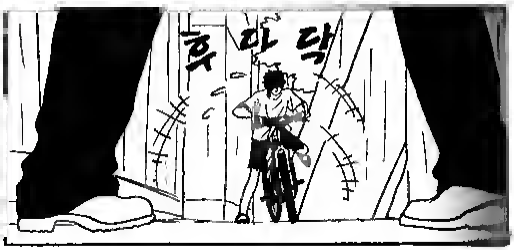
!
OH, GEEZ!
BUT...
THIS WEATHER'S AMAZING. IT'S SO BRIGHT, I CAN BARELY OPEN MY EYES.
TA TA TA...
I KNOW...BUT I HATE TO WASTE IT. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO?

I had no intention of threatening them. We were just so tired after working all night.

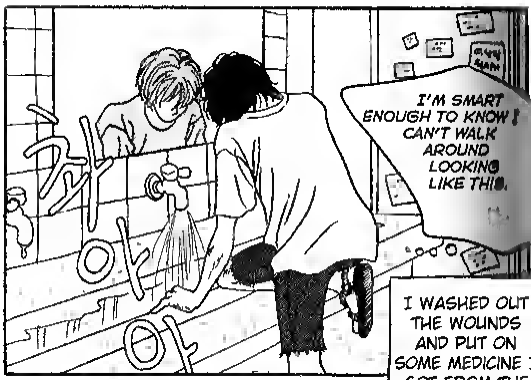

Did you see those eyes? She looks like a killer.
They definitely inhaled.
It looks like they've been smoking all night.
There's like talking mannequins of mass destruction.
What happened last night? Better to be safe.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, ALL THE TEENAGERS WHO WERE COMING TOWARDS US PARTED LIKE THE RED SEA.

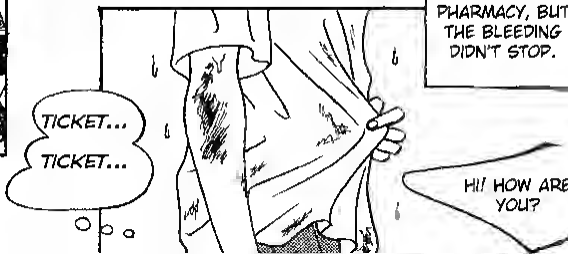

LAST SUMMER, WHEN MY FRIENDS AND I HEARD THAT DEUX* WAS BREAKING UP, WE WERE DEVASTATED.
*Deux was a very famous Korean boy band.
DEUX'S LAST CONCERT? AND IT'S FREE? OF COURSE I'M GOING!
Looking like a human being
WHAT? EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FREE, I STILL HAVE TO GET A TICKET? OKAY, WHERE? I'M ON MY WAY TO THE MUSIC STORE NOW!
IT WAS A RAINY DAY, SO I GRABBED MY NEW BICYCLE AND STARTED TO HIT THE LOCAL MUSIC STORES.
OKAY! I GOTTA GO BEFORE THEY RUN OUT.
SMOOTH. AMAZING...
TOTALLY COOL!
THIS IS AN AWESOME BIKE!
AND THEN...
BAM
TWENTY-ONE SPEEDS, FRONT FORK WITH SHOCK ABSORBERS, FULL ALUMINUM FRAME--A KILLER MOUNTAIN BIKE
AAGGHH!!



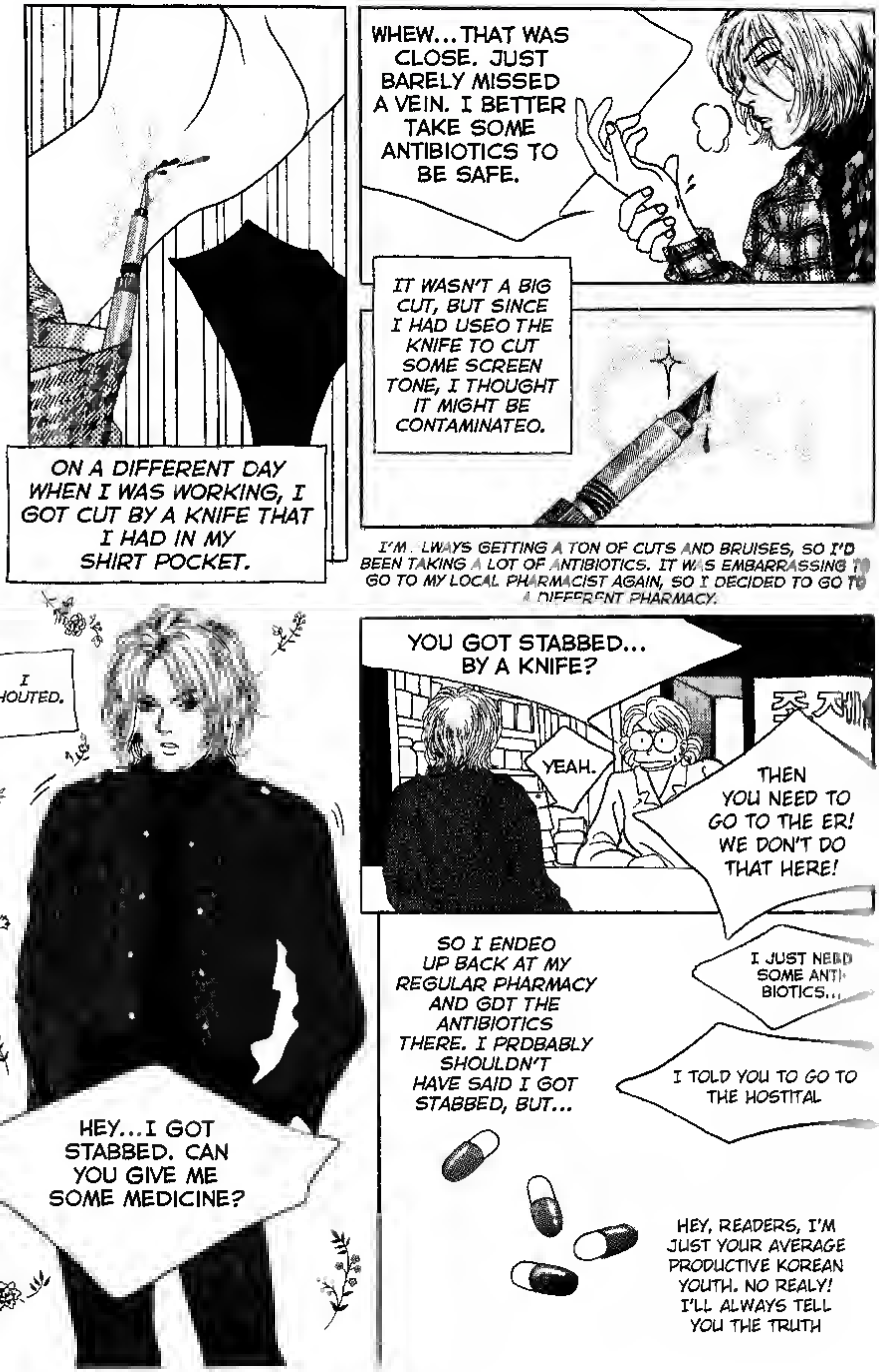


I WAS SCRAPED AND BRUISED ALL OVER MY ARMS, LEGS, KNEES AND HANDS...I COULDN'T STOP BLEEDING... BUT MY PRIDE WAS SUFFERING EVEN MORE.


I'M SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW I CAN'T WALK AROUND LOOKING LIKE THIS.
I WASHED OUT THE WOUNDS AND PUT ON SOME MEDICINE I GOT FROM THE PHARMACY, BUT THE BLEEDING DIDN'T STOP.



Bloody
GEEK U·S·A
DO YOU STILL HAVE ANY TICKETS FOR THE DEUX CONCERT?
Aagghh!
THE TICKETS FOR DEUX? WELL...I CAN ONLY GIVE THEM TO CUSTOMERS WHO BUY THE CD...
WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT?! I ALREADY *BOUGHT* THE *CD*!!
After all this, they're gonna give me crap?
SORRY... BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO. THAT'S THE POLICY. YOU HAVE TO BUY THEIR THIRD ALBUM...
Just do it, already!
I TOLD YOU-- I ALREADY BOUGHT IT!
.....
Death glare
SIGH... FINE. HOW MANY DO YOU NEED?
THEY MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS STEALING THEM...
WELL I GOT THEM ANYWAY, AND THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS.
COOL-LOOKING TICKETS, TOO.
MISS KIM, MAKE SURE YOU TOSS SOME SALT...*
YES, SIR.
A FRIEND, WHO HAS ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, TOLD ME SHE ALSO TRIED TELLING THE STORE THE SAME THING ABOUT ALREADY HAVING BOUGHT THE CD...BUT IT DIDN'T WORK FOR HER.
So a special thanks to "frog."
Sali chases away bad luck in Korea.


ON A DIFFERENT DAY WHEN I WAS WORKING, I GOT CUT BY A KNIFE THAT I HAD IN MY SHIRT POCKET.
WHEW... THAT WAS CLOSE. JUST BARELY MISSED A VEIN. I BETTER TAKE SOME ANTIBIOTICS TO BE SAFE.
IT WASN'T A BIG CUT, BUT SINCE I HAD USED THE KNIFE TO CUT SOME SCREEN TONE, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED.
I'M ALWAYS GETTING A TON OF CUTS AND BRUISES, SO I'D BEEN TAKING A LOT OF ANTIBIOTICS. IT WAS EMBARRASSING TO GO TO MY LOCAL PHARMACIST AGAIN, SO I DECIDED TO GO TO A DIFFERENT PHARMACY.
I SHOUTED.
HEY... I GOT STABBED. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME MEDICINE?
YOU GOT STABBED... BY A KNIFE?
YEAH.
THEN YOU NEED TO GO TO THE ER! WE DON'T DO THAT HERE!
SO I ENDED UP BACK AT MY REGULAR PHARMACY AND GOT THE ANTIBIOTICS THERE. I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID I GOT STABBED, BUT...
I JUST NEED SOME ANTIBIOTICS...
I TOLD YOU TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL
HEY, READERS, I'M JUST YOUR AVERAGE PRODUCTIVE KOREAN YOUTH. NO REALY! I'LL ALWAYS TELL YOU THE TRUTH

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